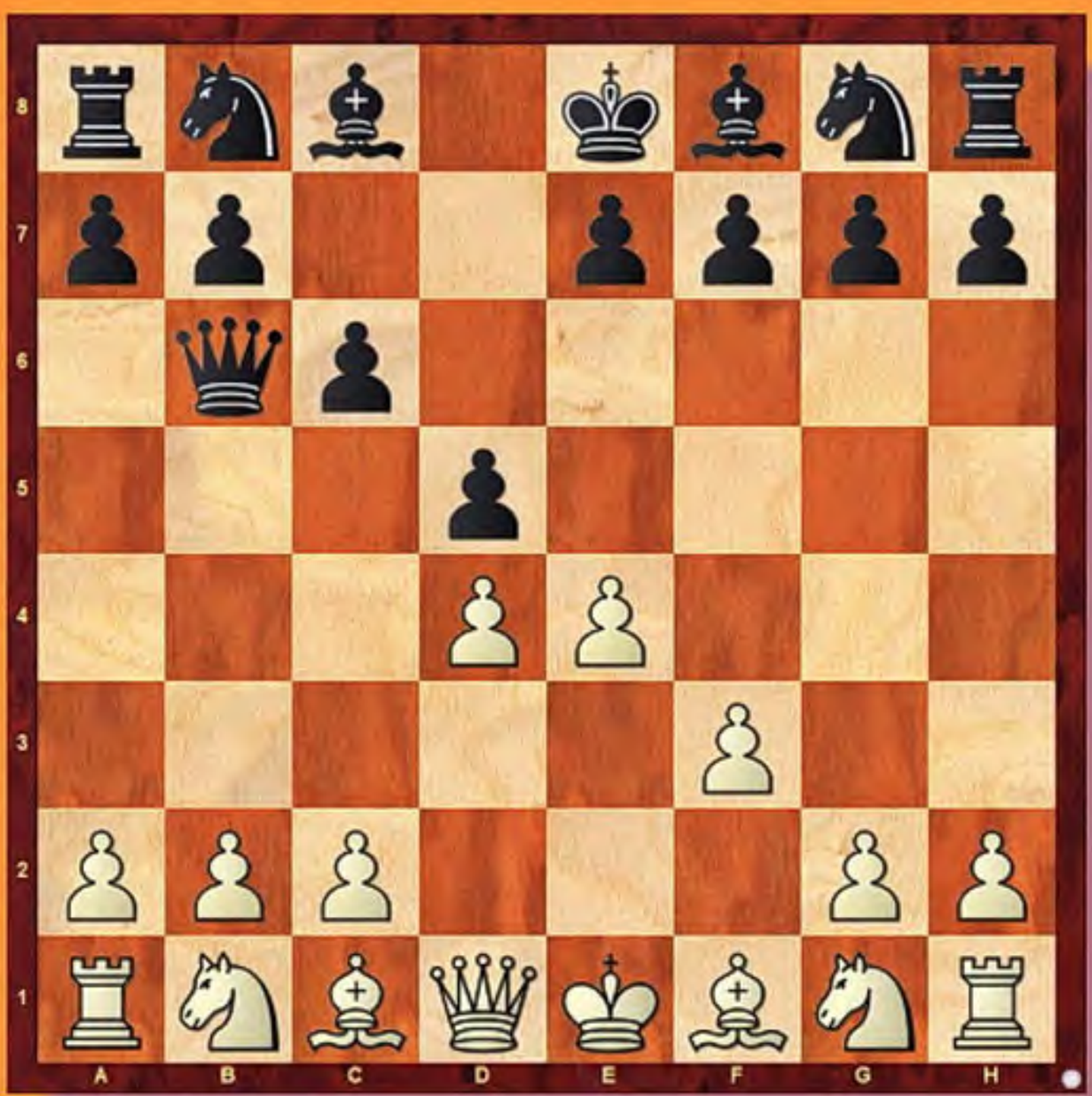
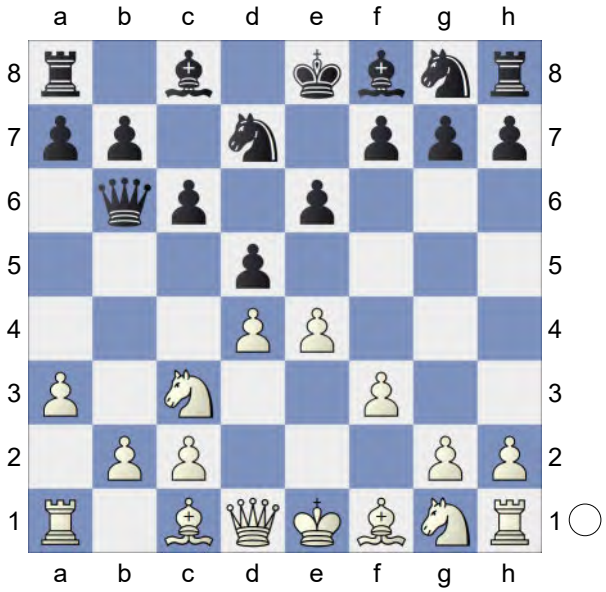
Caro-Kann Fantasy Variation



Chess Notes 2025

1 **B12**
□ **Ripsockeye** **3064**
■ **Bitbybyte** **2910**
Rapid 23.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 12min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Qb6 5.a3 Nd7



6.Be3 Be7 7.Be2 dxe4
[7...Qxb2? 8.Na4+-]
8.fxe4 The position is equal. **8...Ngf6**
9.Nf3 e5
[9...Qxb2? 10.Na4+-]
10.Bf2
[10.Nxe5? Nxe5 *(10...Qxb2? 11.Na4+-)* 11.dxe5 Qxe3-+]
10...Qa5N
[10...Qxb2? 11.Na4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1+- *(12.axb4 Qxb4+ 13.c3 Qe7+-; 12.axb4 Qxb4+ 13.c3 Qe7+-)*]
[10...Ng4 11.Bg1 Qc7 12.d5 V.B) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4 Nc3 e6 5.a3 #4]

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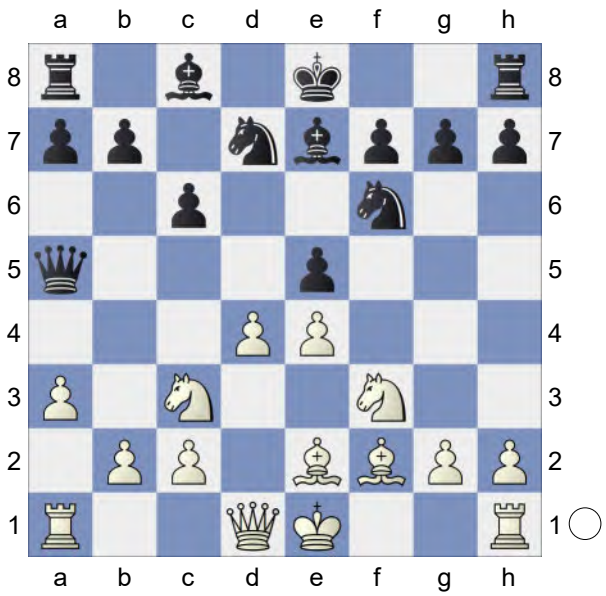
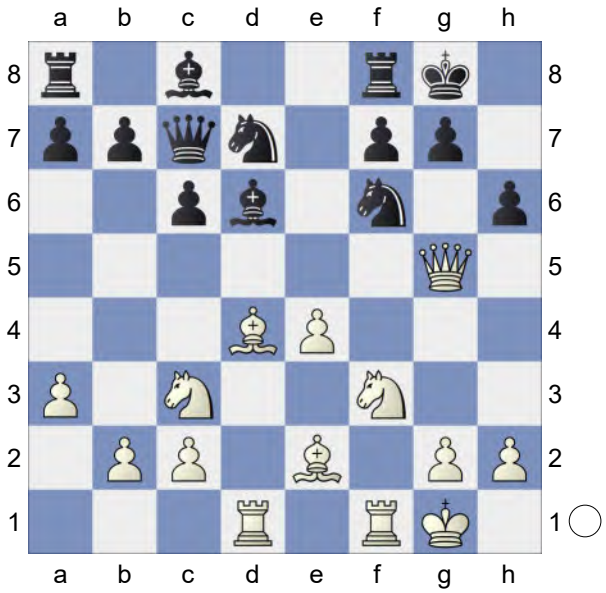
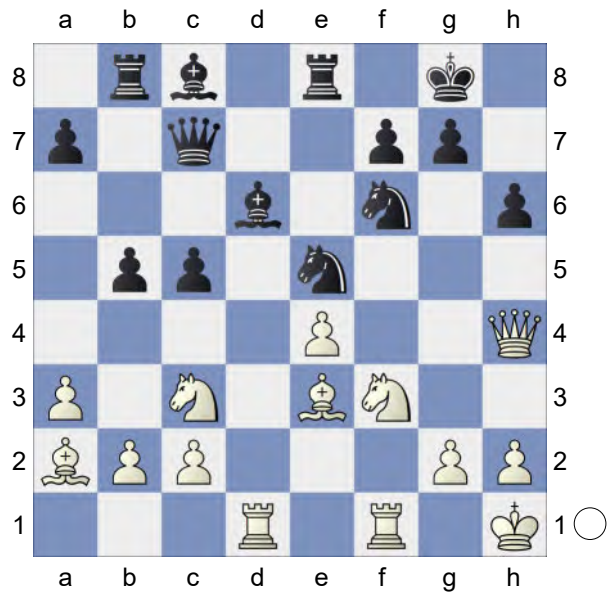


11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Rad1
[13.Bg3 simplifies Bd6 14.Rad1 exd4 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 17.Rxd4 Re8 18.h3]
13...exd4 14.Bxd4 Bd6 15.Qg5 aiming for e5. **15...h6**



16.Qh4 Re8 17.Bc4
[17.Kh1!?]
17...b5K Black has counterplay **18.Ba2 Rb8** 0.46/18
[18...a5= -0.01/19]
19.Kh1± e5! is the strong threat. **19...c5**
20.Be3 Ne5



21.Rxd6! Qxd6 22.Bf4 b4! 23.Nxe5
[23.axb4!? Rxb4 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Qf4∓ Pin]
23...Rxe5
[23...bxc3 24.Nxf7 *(24.Bxf7+ Kh7+-)* 24...Qa6 25.Nxh6+ Kf8 26.Bc4+-]
24.Qg3 0.01/22
[24.Nd5 Nxd5 *(24...Rxe4? 25.Bxd6 Rxh4 26.Bxb8+-; 24...Nxe4? 25.Bxe5* Discovered Attack *Qxe5 26.Ne7+ Kh7 27.Nc6+-)* 25.Bxd5 bxa3 26.bxa3 Qa6=]
[24.Rd1± 0.43/22 Qe7 25.Bxe5 *(25.Nd5 Rxd5 26.exd5 g5=)* 25...Qxe5 26.Nd5]
24...Qa6!=
[24...Nxe4? 25.Bxf7+ Kh7 26.Nxe4+-]
25.Kg1 Some like it hot **25...Nh5**
[25...Nxe4? 26.Nxe4 Rxe4 27.Bxb8+-]

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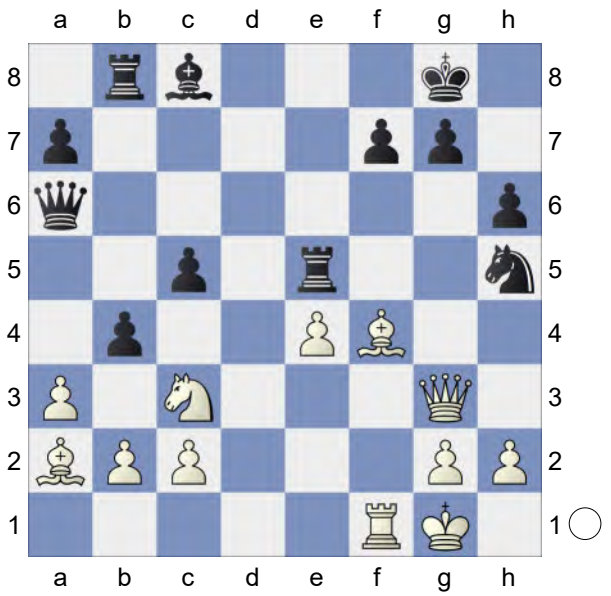
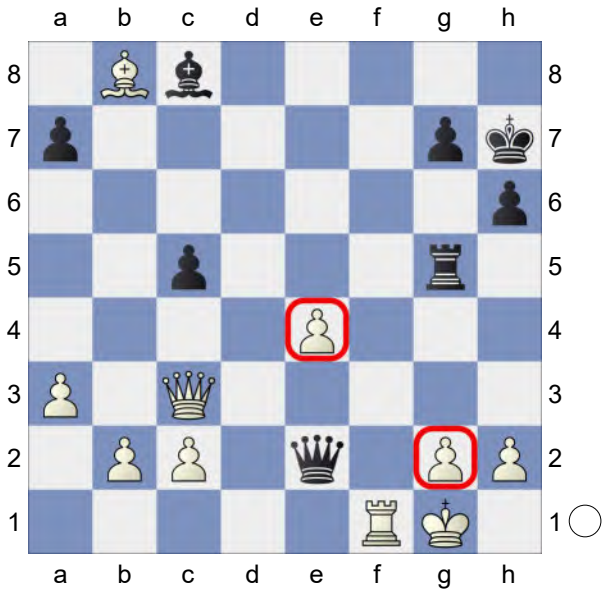


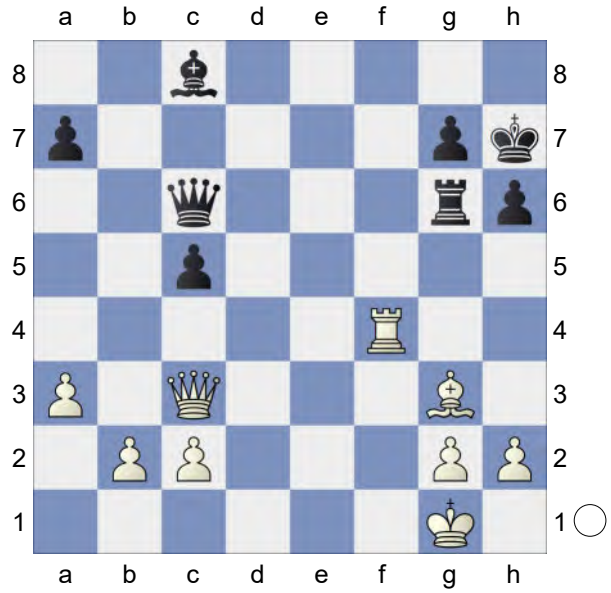
26.Bxf7+! Kh7 0.99/23
[26...Kxf7= 0.12/24 remains equal. 27.Qf3 Nxf4 28.Qxf4+ Ke6 *(28...Qf6? 29.Qxe5+-)*]
27.Bxh5± Rxh5 28.Bxb8 Rg5 29.Qf3 bxc3 30.Qxc3 Qe2



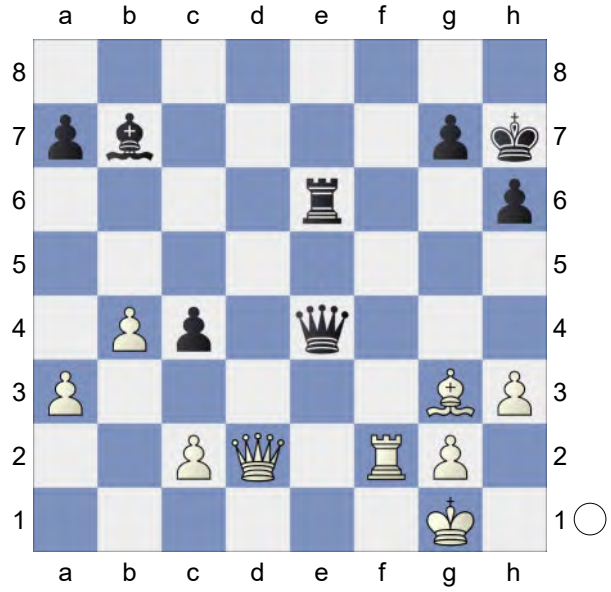
31.Rf2 -0.01/18
[31.Bxa7? Qxg2#]
[31.Bg3± 0.83/23]
31...Qd1+= 32.Rf1 Qe2 33.Bg3!
Strongly threatening Qd3.
[33.Bxa7? Qxg2#]
33...Qxe4 34.Rf7 Rg6

[But not 34...Bb7? 35.Qd3 Kg8 36.Qxe4 Bxe4 37.Rxa7+-]

35.Rf4 White is more active. **35...Qc6**



36.b3 Qd5 37.h3 Bb7 38.Rf2 c4 39.b4 Re6! 40.Qd2 Qe4



41.c3 Black is on the road to losing.

41...Qb1+ 42.Kh2 a6 43.Qc2+ Qxc2 44.Rxc2± Endgame. KRB-KRB

44...Re3 45.Bf2 Be4

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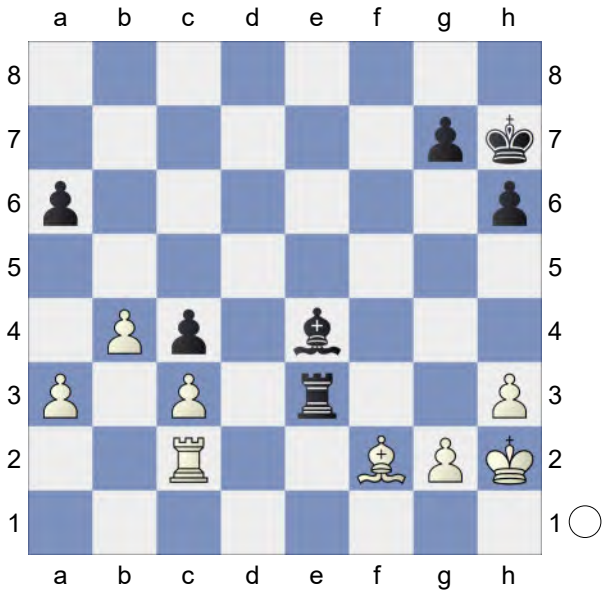
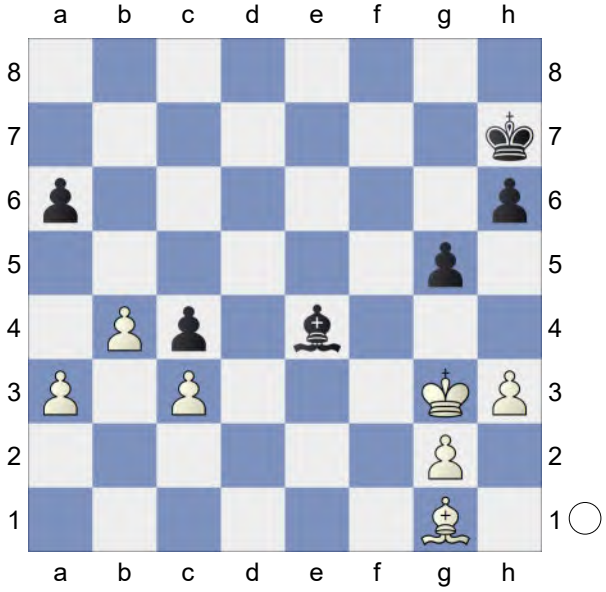


46.Bxe3 Bxc2 KB-KB **47.Kg3 g5 48.Bg1 Be4**



49.Kf2! Kg6 50.g3 Kf6

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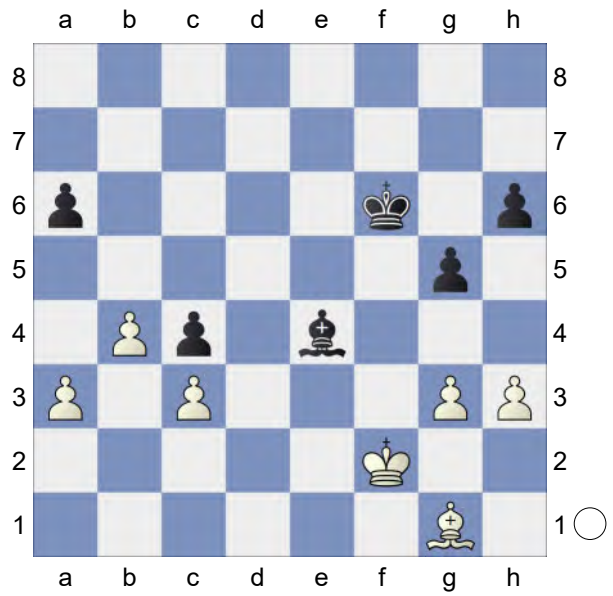
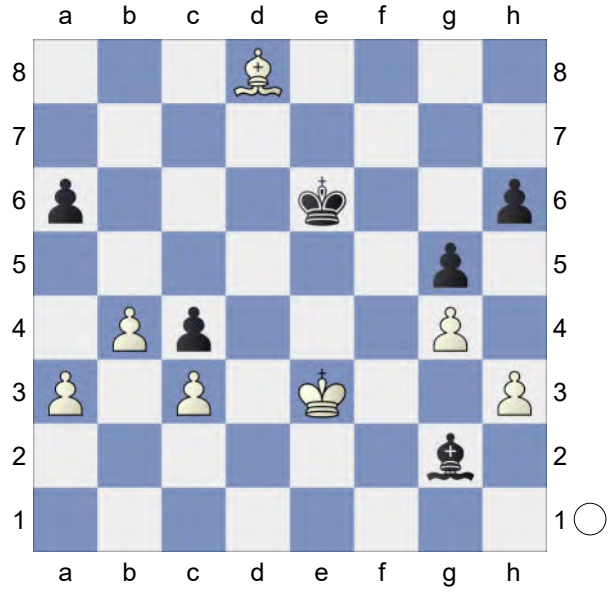


51.g4! Bc6 52.Bh2 Ke6 53.Bc7 Kf6 54.Ke3 Bg2 2.35/26
[54...Ke6 1.63/25 might work better. 55.Bd8 Bd5]
55.Bd8++- Ke6



56.h4 gxh4 57.Bxh4 Bc6 58.Bg3 Kd5? 5.20/25
[58...Be8 2.85/24 was worth a try. 59.Kd4 a5 60.Kxc4 *(60.bxa5 Kd7+-)* 60...axb4 61.axb4 Ba4]
59.Bf4 Ba4 60.Bxh6 Bc2

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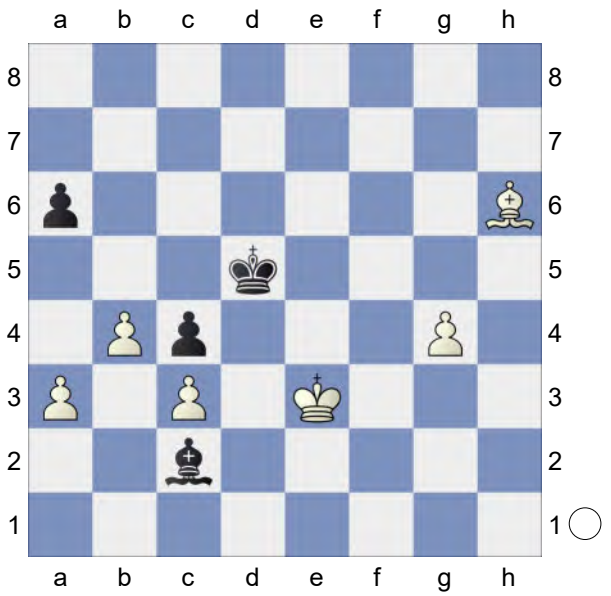
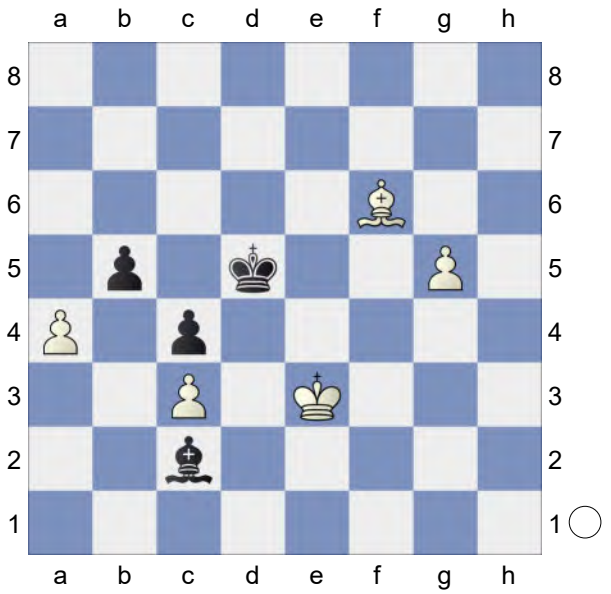


61.Bg7 Bd1 6.83/31
[⌓61...Ba4 4.16/31 62.Kf4 Bc2]
62.g5 Bc2 63.Bf6 Bg6 64.a4 Bc2 65.b5 axb5



66.a5 Kc6 67.Bd4 Black must now prevent a6. **67...Bd3 68.a6 Bf5 69.Kf4 Bg6 70.Ke5 Bd3**

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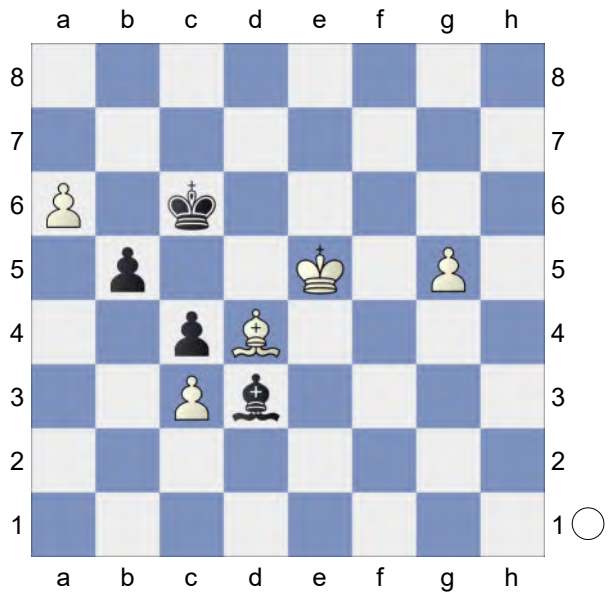
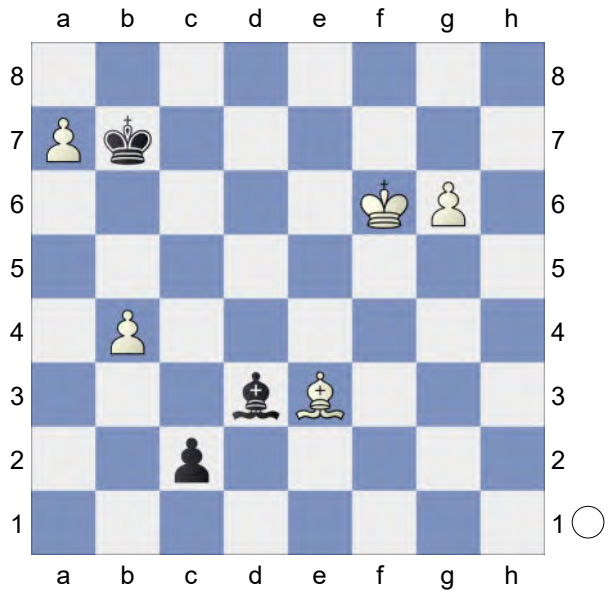


71.Be3 Kc7 72.Kf6 White wants to mate with g6. **72...b4 73.a7 Kb7 74.cxb4** g6 would kill now. **74...c3 75.g6 c2**



76.g7 Bc4

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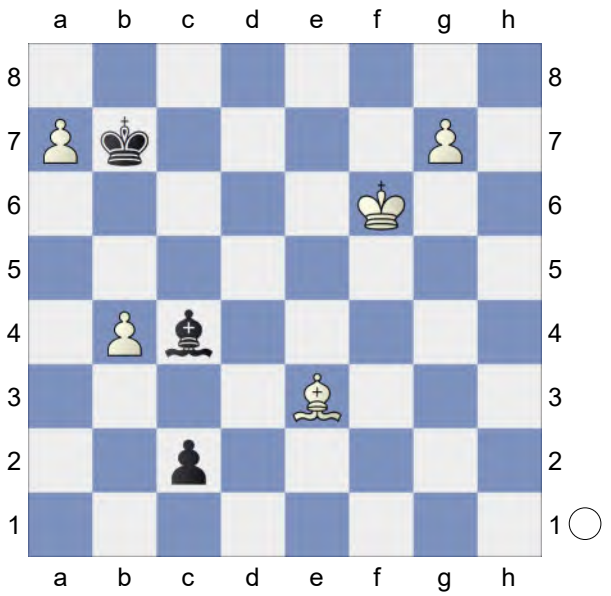
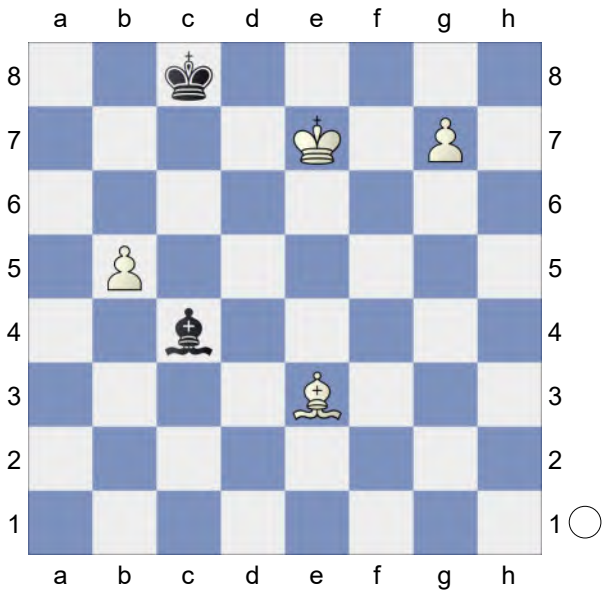


77.b5! White mates. **77...c1Q**
[77...c1B 78.Bxc1]
78.Bxc1 Kxa7 79.Be3+ Kb8 80.Ke7 Kc8



81.Kf8 Bb3 82.g8Q Bxg8 83.Kxg8 Kd7 84.Kf7 Kd6 85.b6 Kd7

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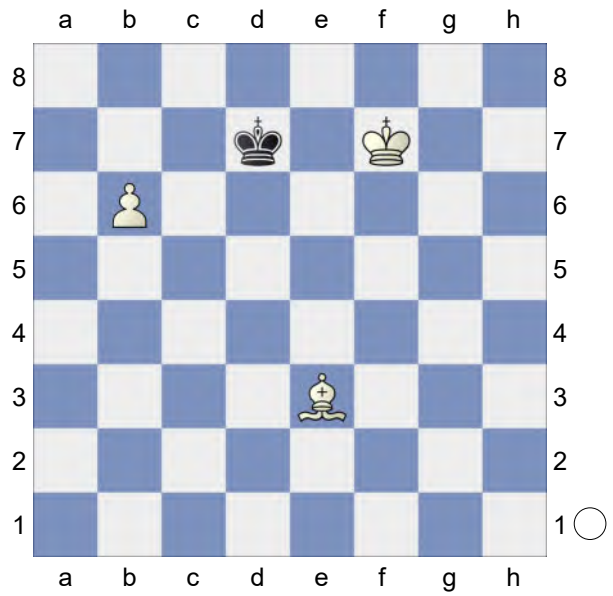
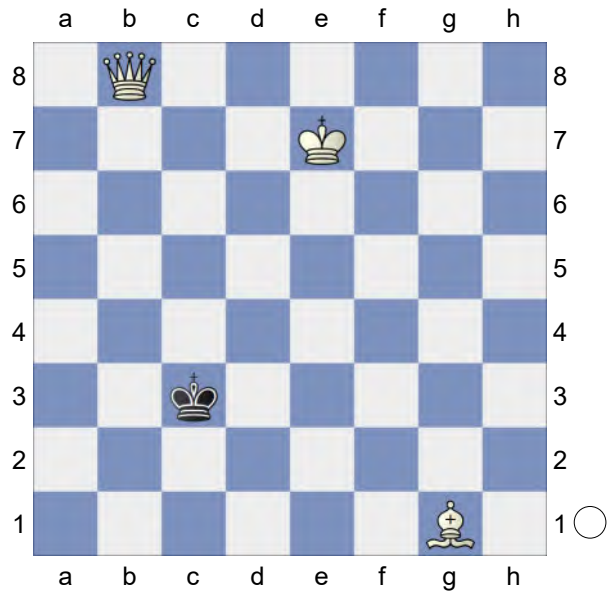


86.Bg1 Kd6 87.Ke8 Kc6 88.Ke7 Kb5 89.b7 Kc4 90.b8Q Kc3



91.Qc7+ Kd3 92.Kf6 Ke2 93.Qc2+ Kf3 94.Kf5 Kg3 95.Qh2+ Kf3

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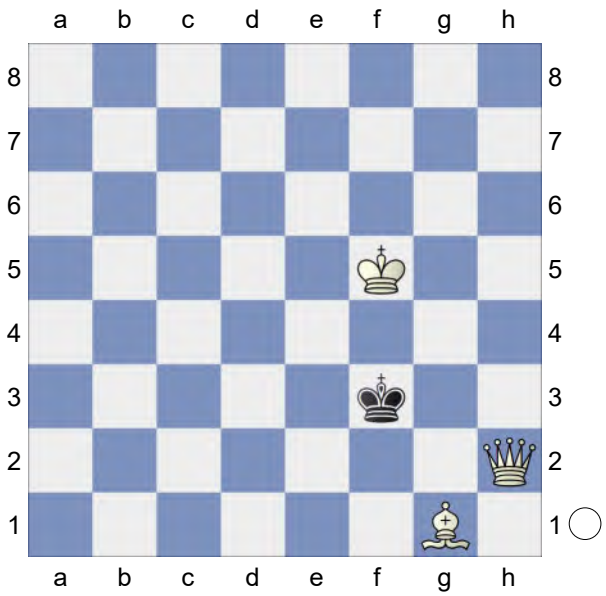
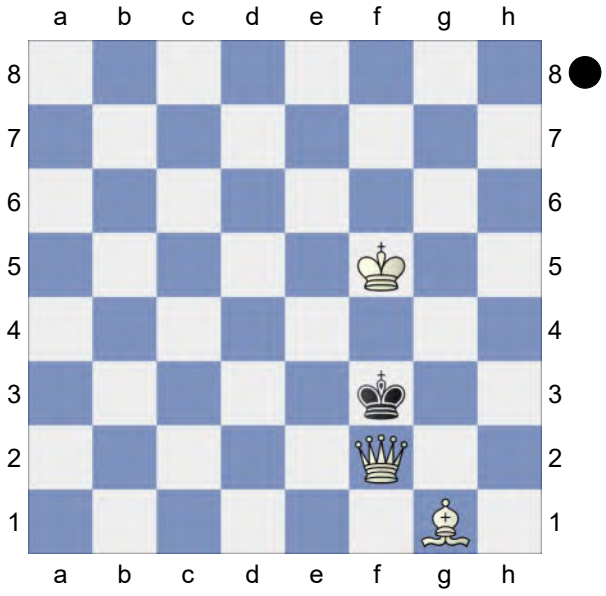


96.Qf2#



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2 **B12**
□ **Ripsockeye** **3000**
■ **Arasanx** **2964**
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
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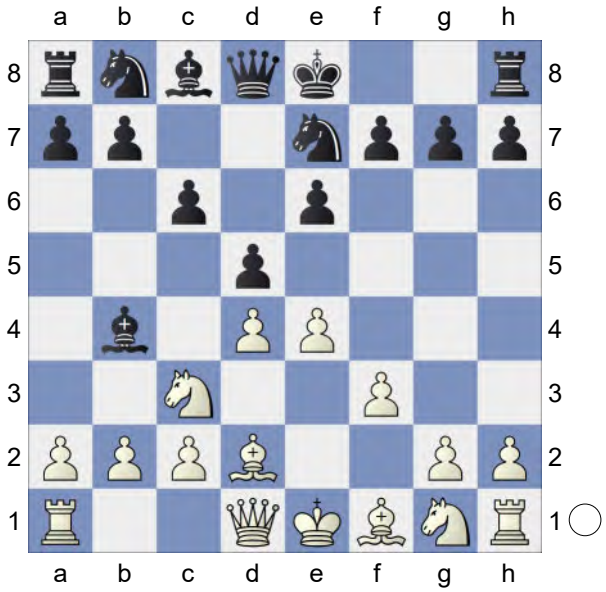

6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.f4 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.e5 c4N**
[9...a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:]
10.Bf1 Nb8

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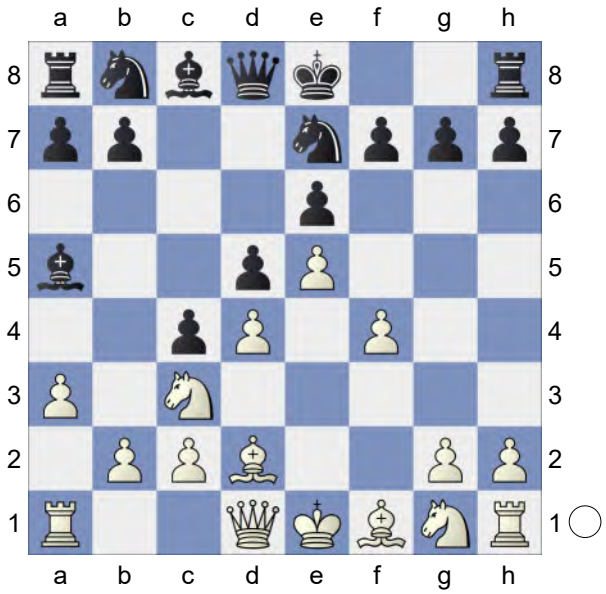
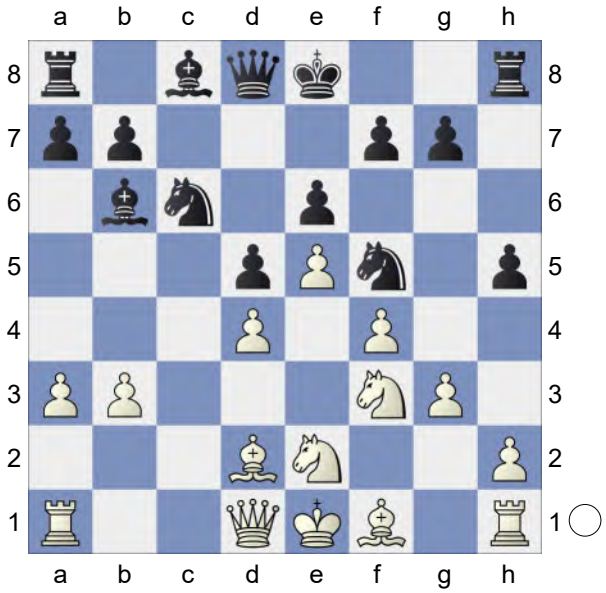


11.Nce2 Nbc6 12.Nf3 h5 13.g3 Bb6 14.b4 cxb3 15.cxb3 Nf5



16.Bc3 a5 17.Bh3 Nce7 18.a4 Qd7 19.Bb2 Bd8 20.Ba3 b6

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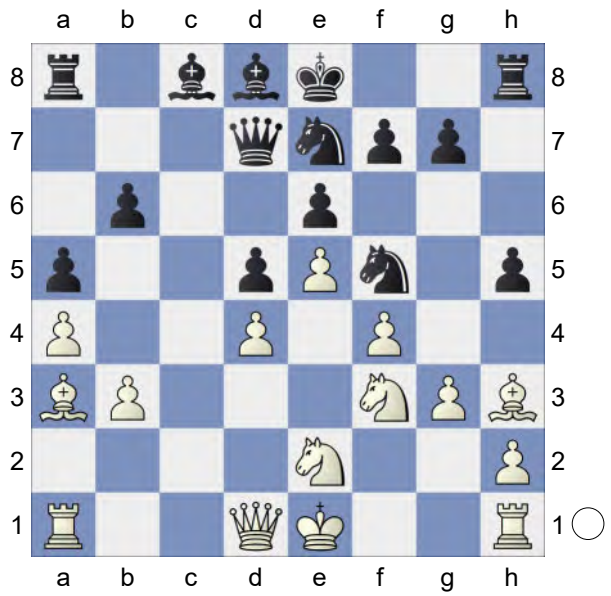

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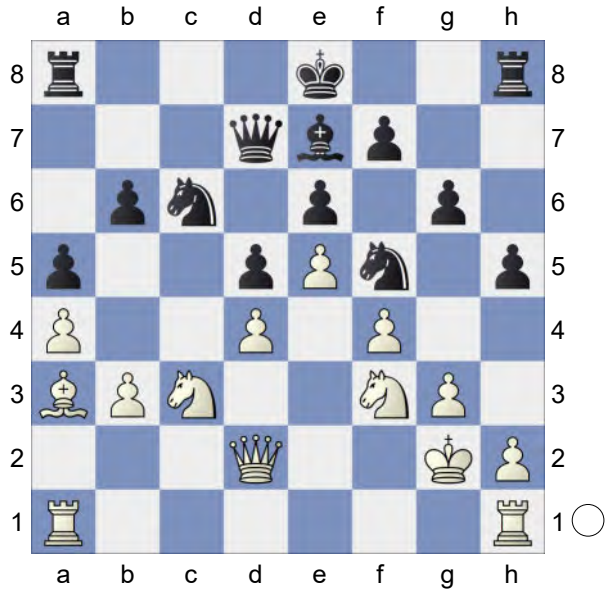

26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.Rac1 Na7
[27...Qb4 28.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 29.Nxd2 exd5 30.Rxc6±]
28.h3 Kd7 29.Qd3 Hoping for Nb5.
29...Rhc8 30.Rhe1 Rab8

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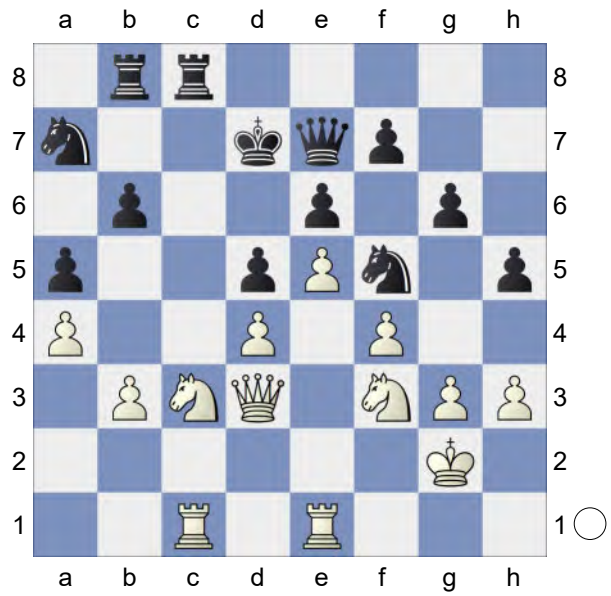
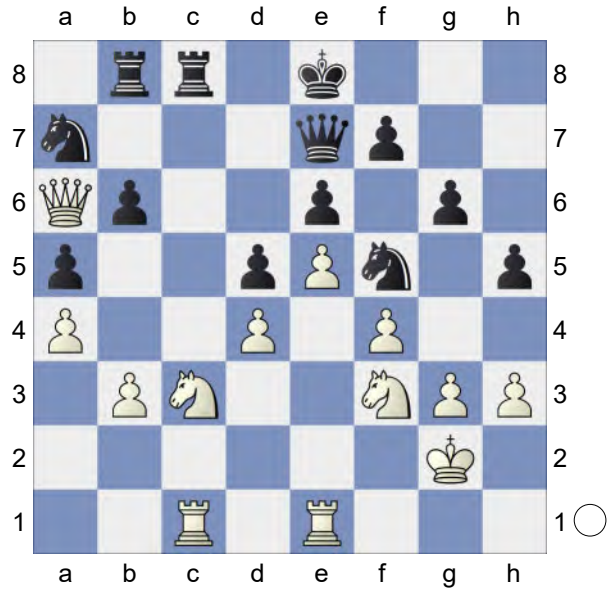


31.Qa6 Some like it hot **31...Ke8** 1.27/20
[⌓31...Nc6 0.75/20]



32.g4!± Nh4+ 2.04/20
[32...hxg4± 1.36/19 33.hxg4 Nh4+ 34.Nxh4 Qxh4]
33.Nxh4+- D e f l e c t i o n **33...Qxh4**
34.Qxa7 Ra8 3.26/20
[34...hxg4 2.04/21 is a better defense. 35.Re3 Kf8]

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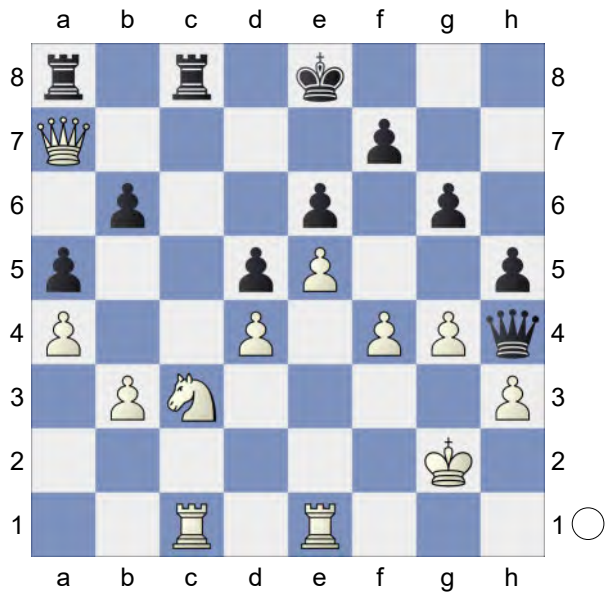
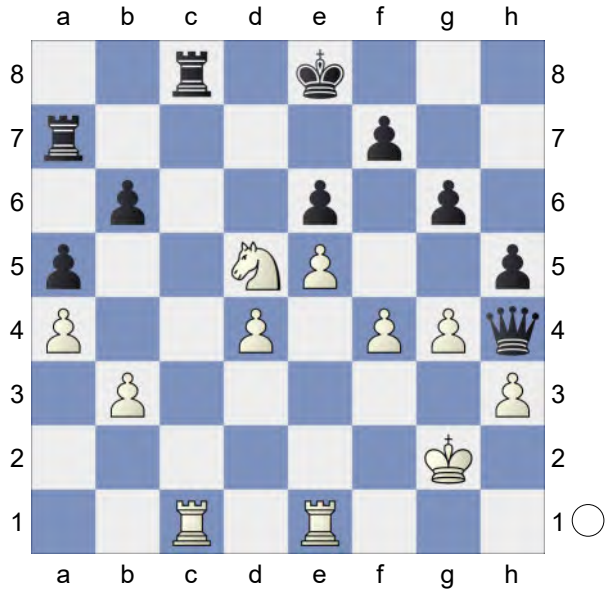


35.Nxd5! Rxa7



36.Rxc8+ Kd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **37.Nxb6+ Ke7**

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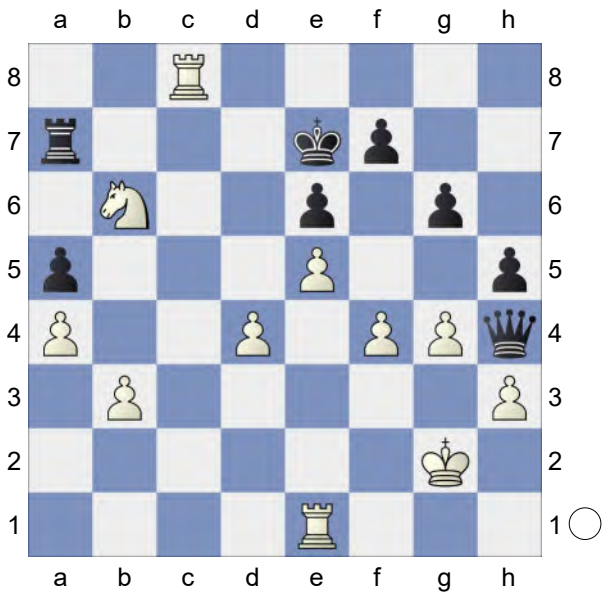
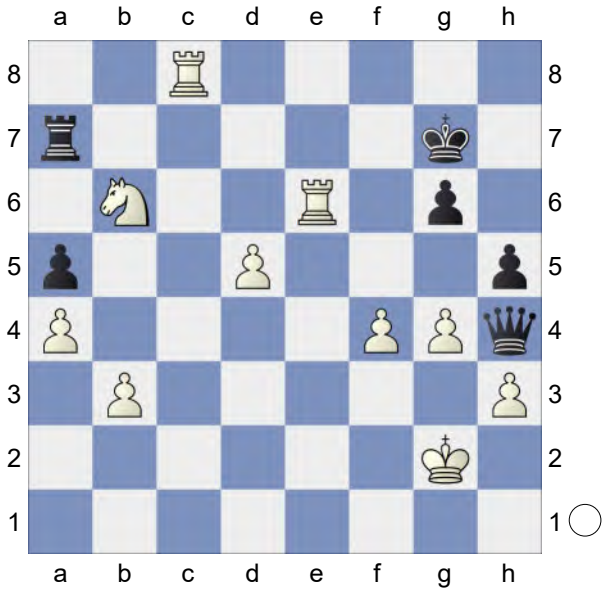


38.d5! f5 39.exf6+

[39.d6+ Kf7 40.Re3 hxg4=]

39...Kxf6 40.Rxe6+ Kg7



41.Rcc6 Kh7 2.20/20 This costs Black the game.

[41...Re7= 0.01/22]

42.Rxg6 Threatens to win with Rh6+.

42...Qe1 43.Rge6

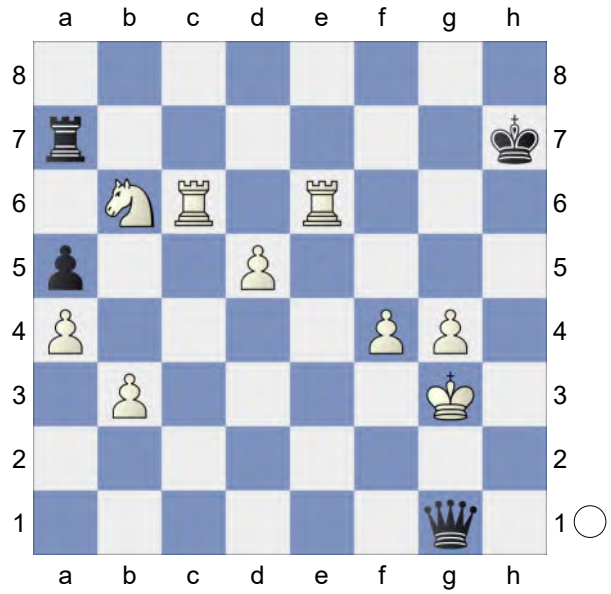
[Stronger than 43.gxh5 Qe2+ 44.Kg3 Qe3+ 45.Kg2 Qxf4=]

[Don't take 43.Rh6+?! Kg8+-]

43...Qd1 3.17/19

[⌓43...Qd2+ 2.04/22 44.Kg3 Rf7]

44.Kg3 hxg4 45.hxg4 Qg1+



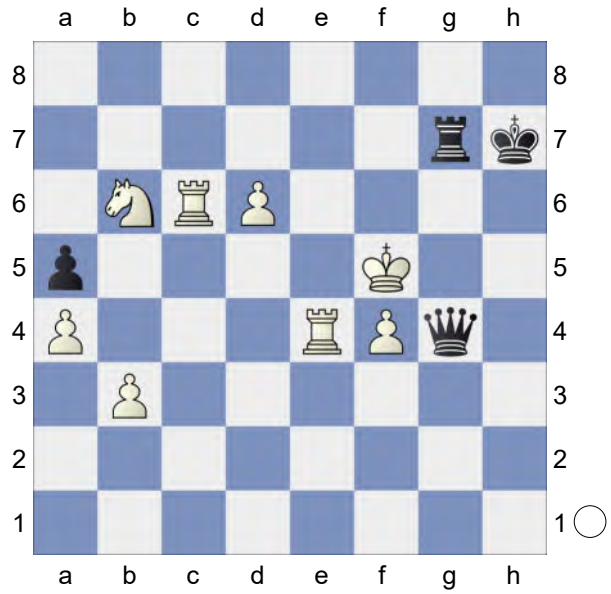
46.Kh4 Qh1+ 47.Kg5 White wants to mate with Rh6+. **47...Rg7+ 48.Kf5** Strongly threatening Rh6+! **48...Qb1+ 49.Re4** And now d6 would win. **49...Qd1** 3.85/22

[⌓49...Re7 2.56/20 50.Rce6 Rf7+ 51.Ke5 Qxb3]

50.d6

[50.g5 Rf7+ 51.Ke6 Kg7+-]

50...Qxg4+



51.Ke5

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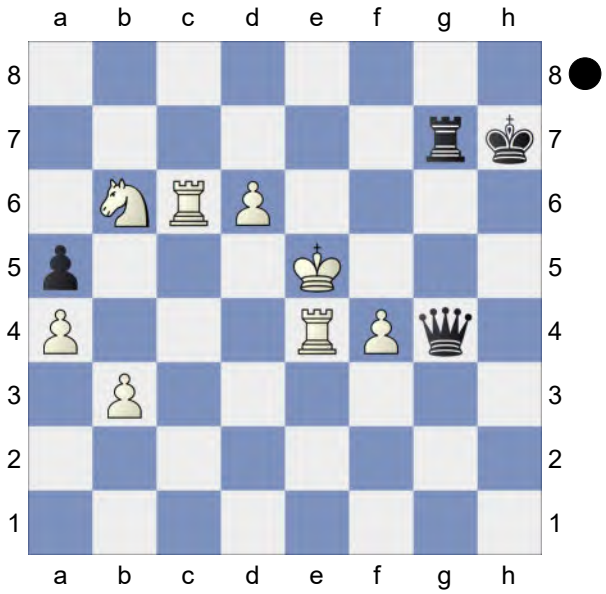

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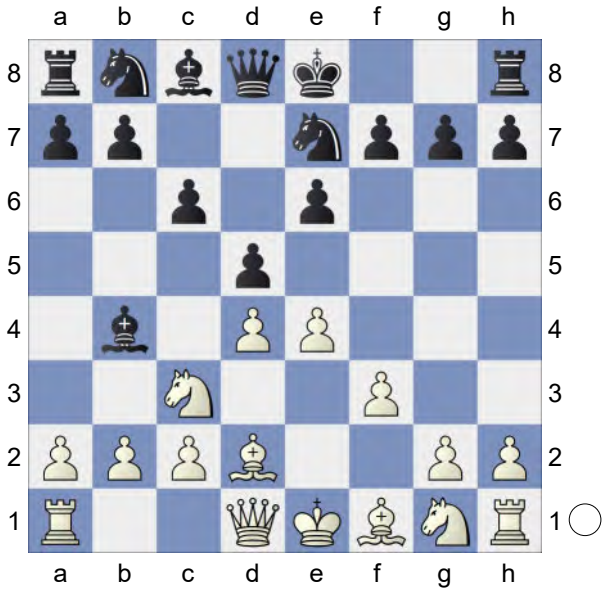
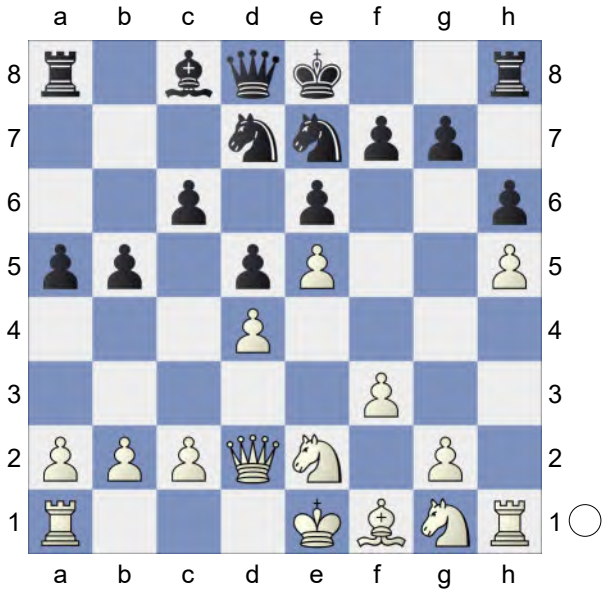
3 **B12**
□ **Ripsockeye** **3066**
■ **Caissa,X** **3066**
Rapid 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 12min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7
[5...b6 6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
[5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 _ - 6. ♗d2 c5_52375 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)]



6.h4N
[6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3
A) 7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 *(8...c5 9.e5 a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:*)* 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.e5 h6 12.c3 a6 13.Nd6 Bc7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:;
B) 7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Qxd4 10.0-0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:]
6...Nd7 7.Nce2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 The position is equal. **8...b5 9.h5 h6 10.e5 a5**



11.f4 b4 12.Nf3 Qb6 13.g4 c5

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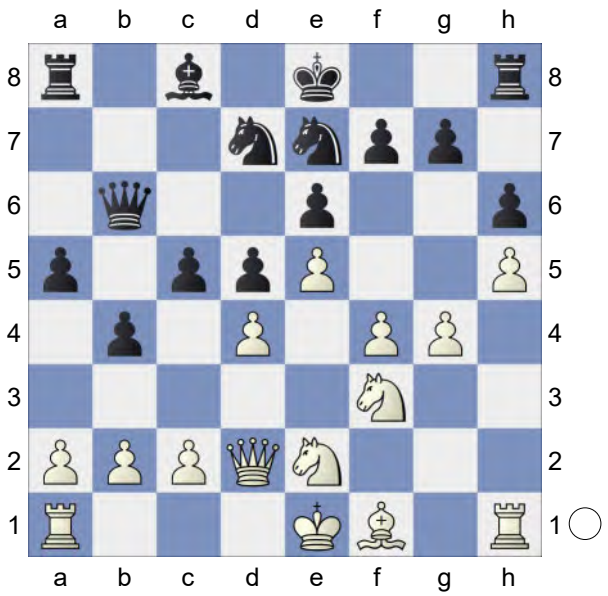
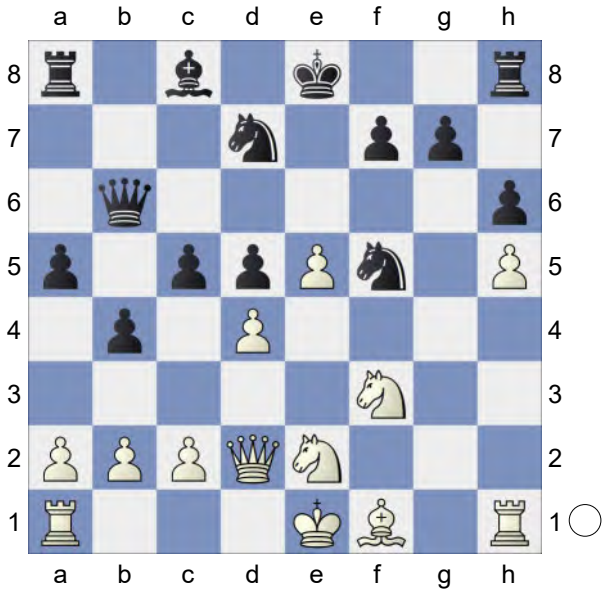


14.f5 0.01/17 **exf5= 15.gxf5 Nxf5**



16.Rg1

[16.0-0-0 simplifies cxd4 17.Bh3 Nc5 18.Nexd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 0-0 20.Bxc8 Raxc8 21.Qg2]

16...cxd4 17.Bh3!

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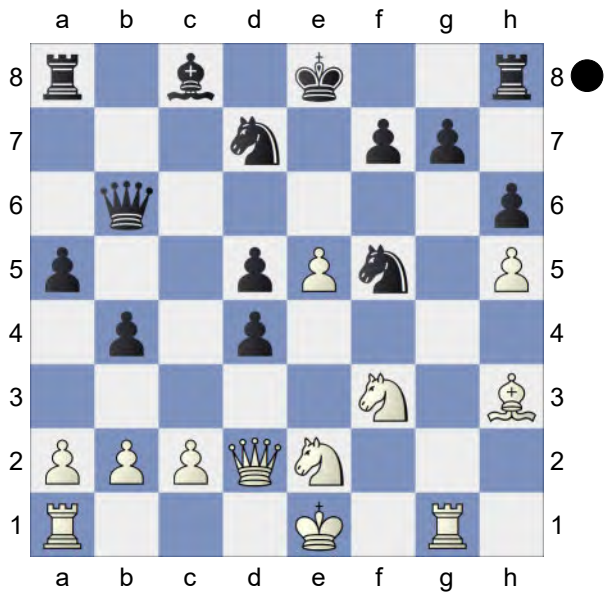


Nxe5! 18.Nxe5 Ne3 19.Bxc8

[19.Qxd4? Nxc2+ 20.Kd2 Nxd4-+]

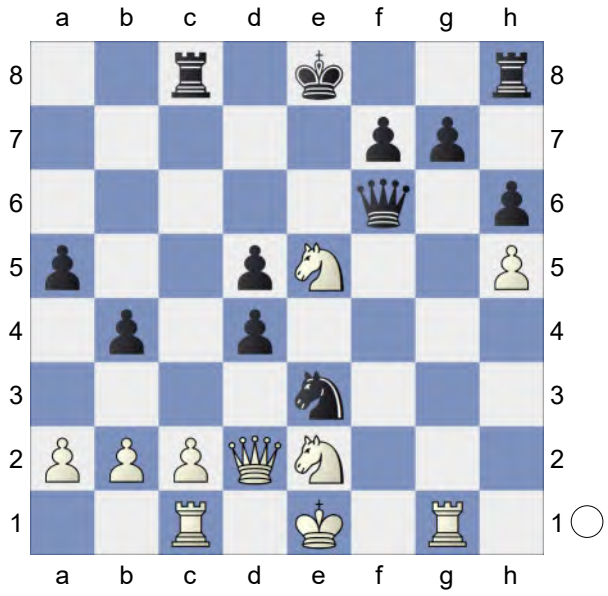
[19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Qxd4 Nxc2+ 21.Kd2 Nxd4∓]

19...Rxc8 20.Rc1

[20.Qxd4? Nxc2+ 21.Kd2 Nxd4-+]

[20.Rxg7? Qf6 *(20...Rxc2 21.Qd3=; 20...Nxc2+? 21.Kf2-+)* 21.Qd3 Qxg7-+ *(21...Qxe5? 22.Rg3-+)*]

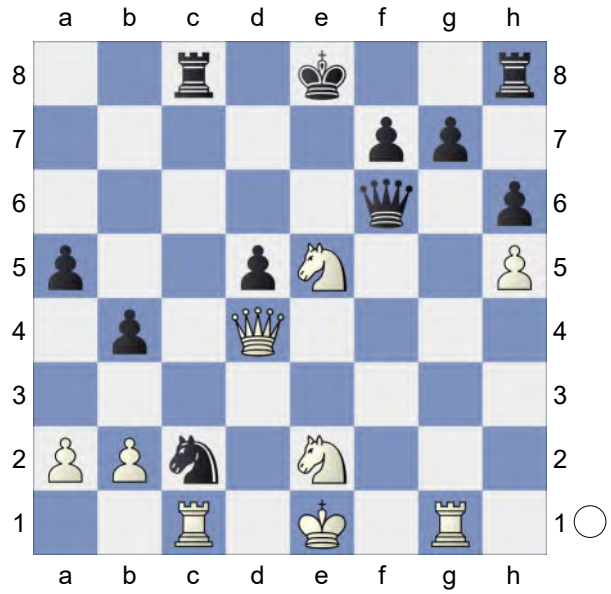
20...Qf6!



21.Qxd4

[21.Ng4!? Qh4+□ 22.Nf2=]

21...Nxc2+



22.Rxc2! Rxc2 23.Kd1 Chess con chili.
[23.Qxd5? 0-0 *(23...Rxb2? 24.Rxg7 Qh4+ 25.Kd1+-)* 24.Nd3 Re8-+]
23...Rc7 White must now prevent ...0-0.
24.Nf4 Excellent horsemanship.
24...Rc4 Pin **25.Qxd5** White wants to mate with Qd7+. Active counter play!
[25.Qe3? Re4 *(25...Qxf4? 26.Nxc4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Qxe3 27.Nxe3+-; 25...Rxf4? 26.Ng4+* Discovered Attack (Check), Deflection *Qe6 27.Qxf4+-)* 26.Qc1 Qxe5-+ *(26...Qxf4? 27.Qc8+ Ke7 28.Qd7+ Kf6 29.Ng4++-)*]
25...0-0!

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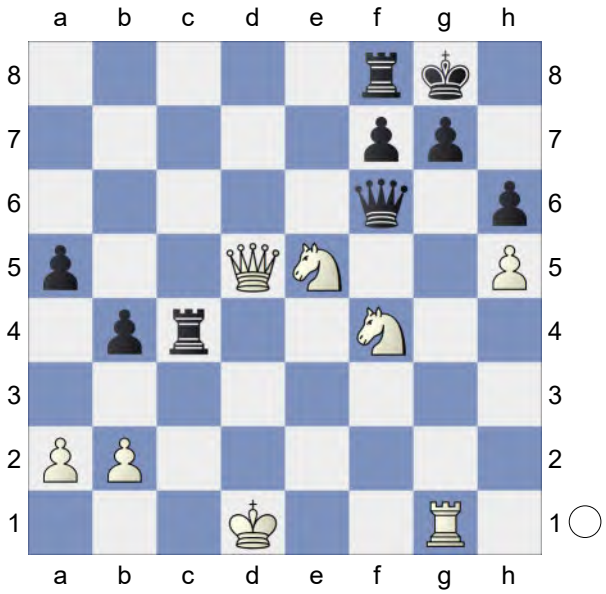

26.Qxc4
[26.Nxc4 Rd8 27.Ke2 *(27.Nd6? Rxd6* Pin *28.Re1 Qxf4-+)* 27...Rxd5 *(27...Qxf4? 28.Qxd8+ Kh7 29.Qd5+-)* 28.Nxd5 Qh4∓]
26...Qxe5 27.Rg2! Rd8+! 28.Rd2!
[Don't blunder 28.Kc2? b3+ 29.Kxb3 *(29.axb3?* too greedy. *Qf5+ 30.Nd3 Rc8-+* Pin *)* 29...Rd4 *(29...Rb8+ 30.Ka3=)* 30.Qc8+ Kh7 31.Qc2+ f5-+]
28...Rxd2+ Remove Defender **29.Kxd2** Strongly threatening Kc2. **29...Qxb2+ 30.Kd3 Qb1+**

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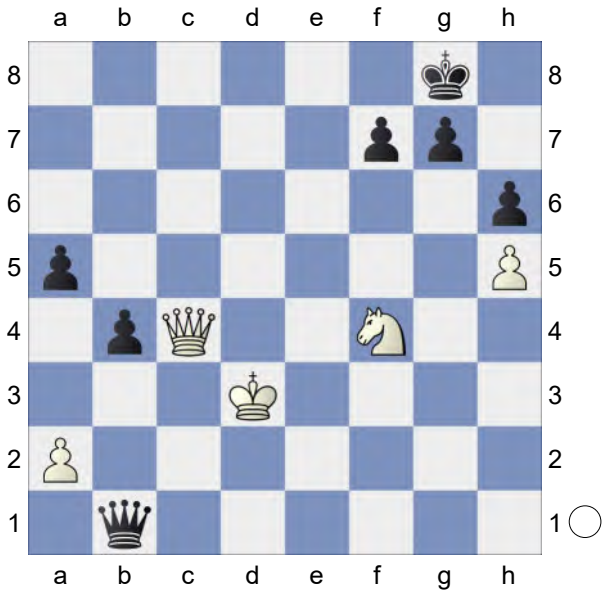
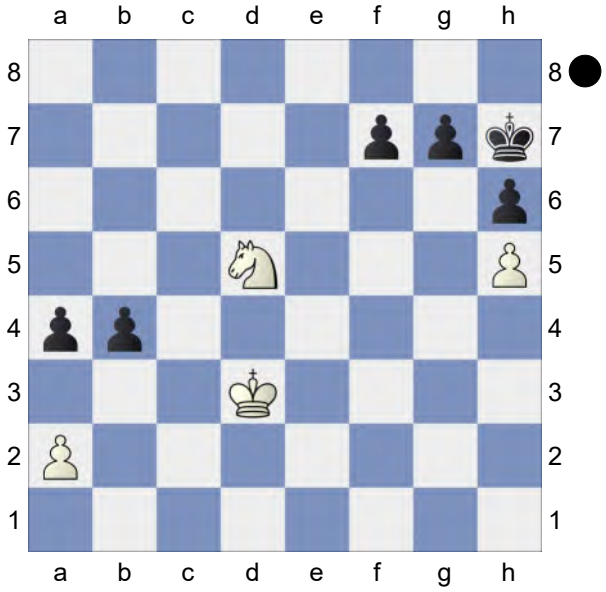


31.Kd2 Qf5 32.Qd4 Kh7 33.Qd3 Qxd3+ 34.Kxd3 Kc4 is the strong threat. **34...a4** 1.39/26

[34...g5± 0.67/24 35.Nd5 g4]

35.Nd5



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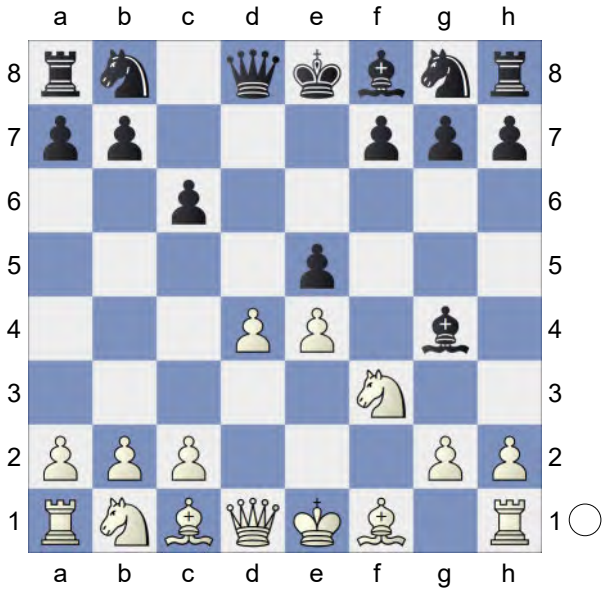
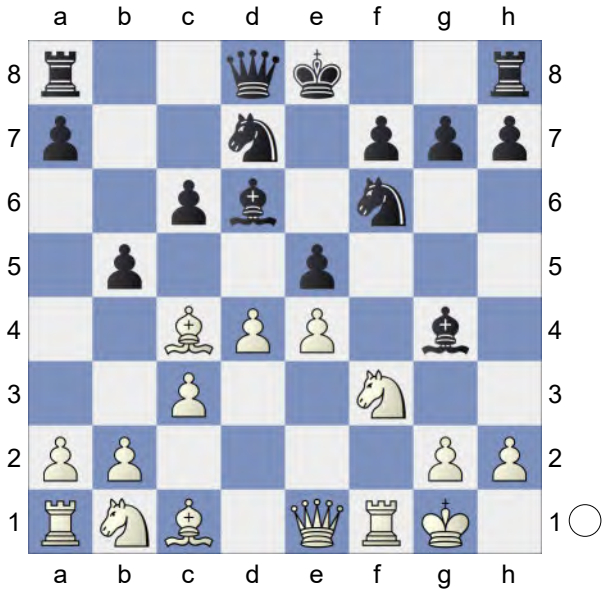
4 **B12**
□ **Sexxonthebeach** **2836**
■ **Ck King** **2834**
Blitz 20.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

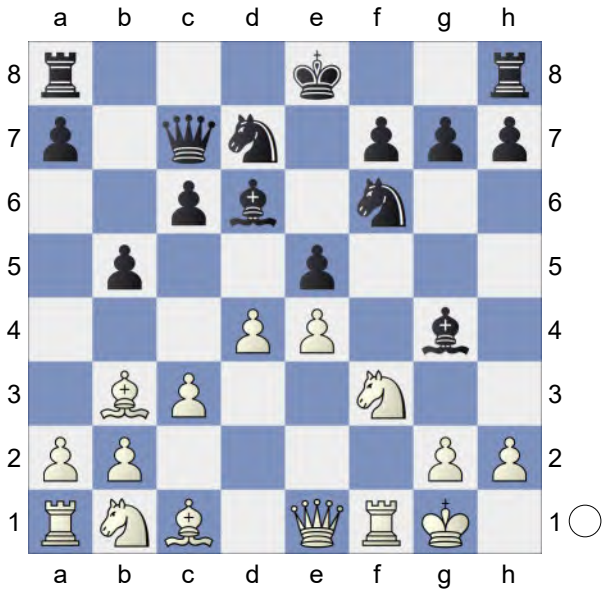
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.c3 Nd7 7.Bc4 Bd6 8.0-0 aiming for Bxf7+! The position is equal. **8...Ngf6 9.Qe1N** -0.44/17
[9.Bg5= -0.03/14 h6 *(9...Qb6 10.Nbd2 h6* Caro Kann-Fantasy Variation F3 1 e4 ... ChessPub Guide 2024 *)* 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Qe7 12.Nbd2 0-0-0 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qe1 Rhe8 15.b4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Bg6 *(16...Bxg3 17.Qxg3 Bg6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Ba6#* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6.Bc4: 6...Nd7 #14*)* 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxf5 Ne5 20.Bb3 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6.Bc4: 6...Nd7 #15]
[9.Qb3 0-0 10.Qxb7 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Nxe4 Caro Kann-Fantasy Variation F3 1 e4 ... ChessPub Guide 2020]
9...b5

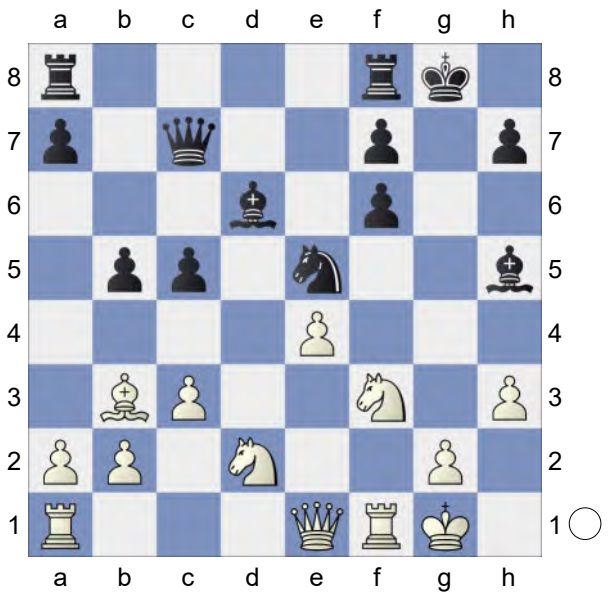


...Bxf3 would now be deadly. **10.Bb3 Qc7** 0.14/16
[10...0-0∓ -0.33/16]

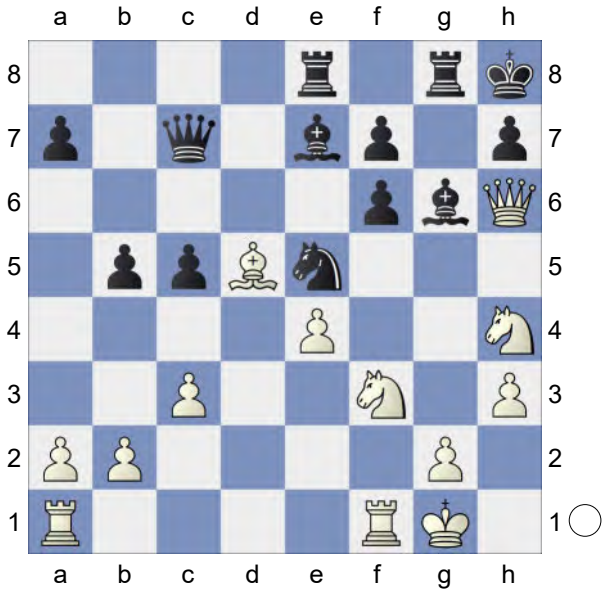


11.h3 -0.37/19
[11.Qh4= 0.14/16]
11...Bh5 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Nbd2 c5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxf6 gxf6

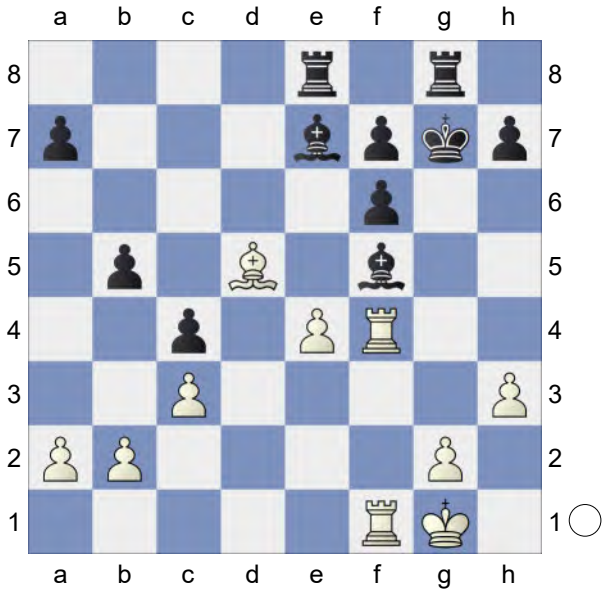
(Diagram)



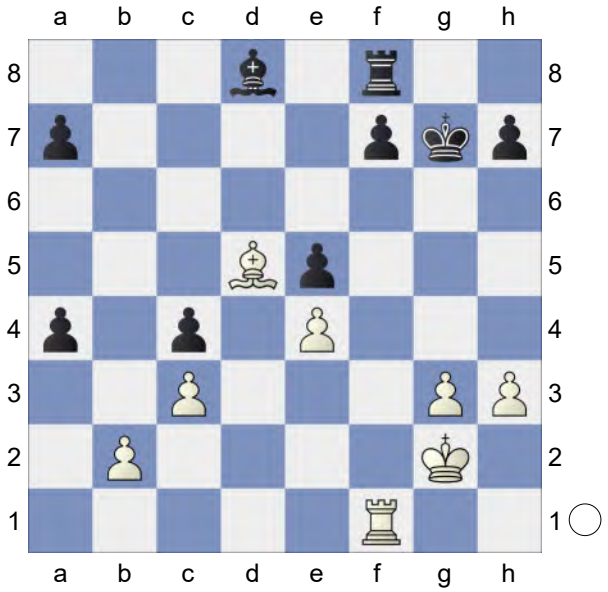
16.Bd5 Rae8 17.Qh4 Bg6 18.Qh6 -0.57/18
[18.Qxf6 Nd7 19.Qg5 Bf4∓]
[18.Nxe5± 0.51/18 Bxe5 19.Nf3]
18...Kh8 0.56/19
[18...Nd3!∓ -0.57/18 19.a4 b4 *(19...Nxb2? 20.Nh4+-; 19...Bf4 20.Qh4∓)*]
19.Nh4± Be7 20.Ndf3 0.10/19
[20.Kh1± 0.49/17 might be stronger.]
20...Rg8 0.96/19
[20...Nd3= 0.10/19]



21.Nxe5± Qxe5 22.Qf4!↑ White has the initiative. **22...Qxf4 23.Rxf4 Kg7 24.Raf1** White is much more active.
24...c4 25.Nf5+ Bxf5



26.Rxf5
[26.exf5 Bc5+ 27.Kh1 Re3=]
26...Rgf8 27.g3 Bd8 28.Kg2 Re5 29.Rxe5 fxe5 Endgame. KRB-KRB
30.a4 bxa4



31.Ra1 f5 32.Rxa4 Bb6

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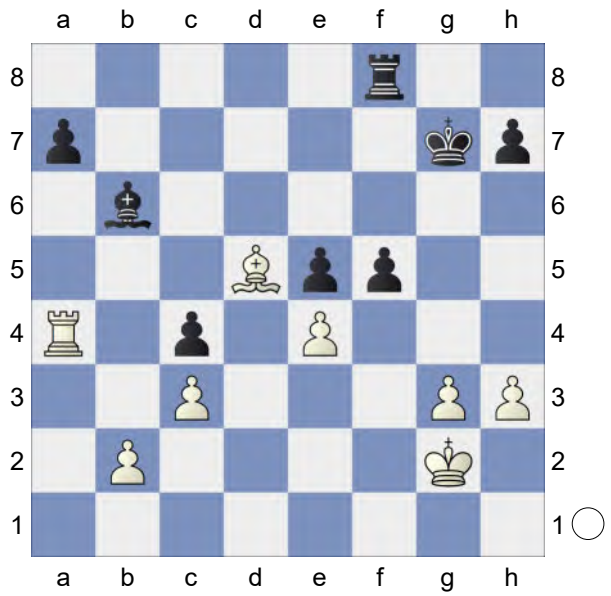
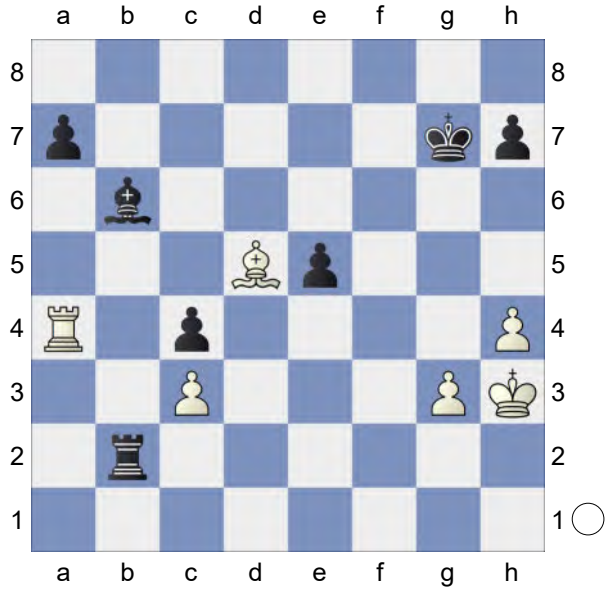


33.exf5 0.40/22
[33.Rxc4?! fxe4 34.Bxe4 Rf2+ 35.Kh1 Rxb2=]
[33.Kf3!± 1.06/23]
33...Rxf5± 34.h4 Rf2+ 35.Kh3 Rxb2



36.Rxc4 Rd2 37.Be4 Re2 38.Bf5 h5 39.Rc6 Bg1 40.g4 hxg4+

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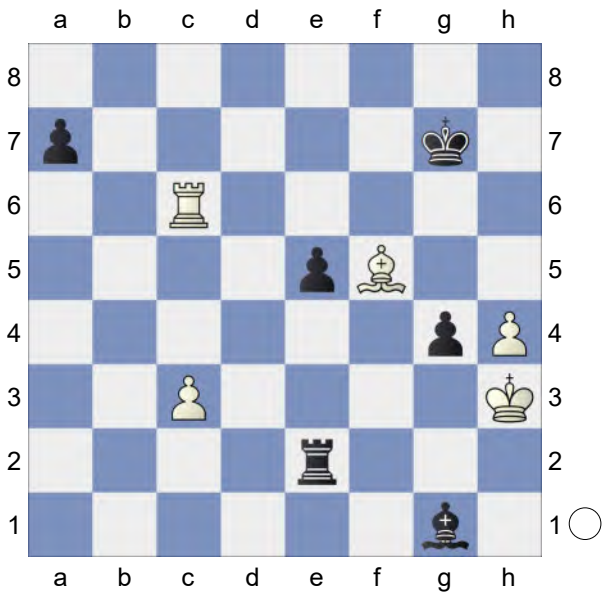
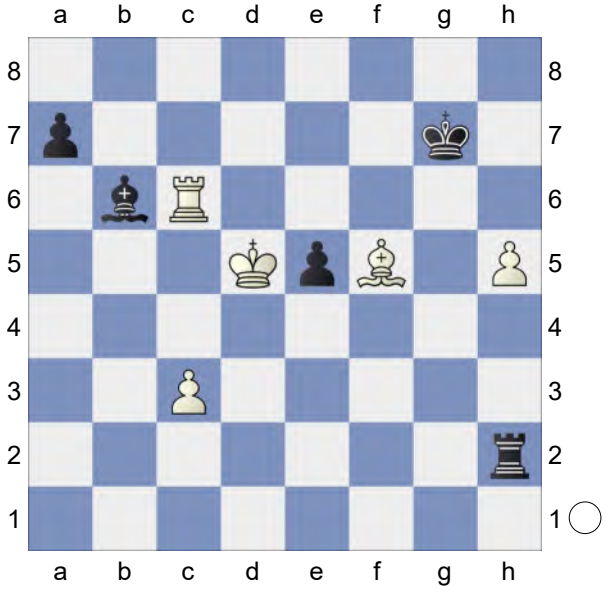


41.Kxg4 Rg2+! 42.Kf3 Rf2+ 43.Ke4 Re2+ 1.12/22
[43...Bh2± 0.39/20]
44.Kd5± Hoping for Rg6+. **44...Bb6** 1.58/19
[⌓44...Rd2+ 1.12/20 45.Kxe5 Bh2+ 46.Ke4 Rf2]
45.h5 Threatens to win with h6+.
45...Rh2



46.Rg6+ 1.26/19
[46.Kxe5 Rxh5 47.c4 Bf2=]
[46.Bg6+- 1.68/18]
46...Kf7 47.h6 0.38/18

[47.Kxe5?! Rxh5 48.c4 Rh1=]
[Better is 47.Be6+± 1.59/17 Ke7 48.Bg4 *(48.Kxe5 Rxh5+ 49.Bf5 Rh1=)*]

47...Rh5? 3.70/20
[47...Be3± 0.38/18]

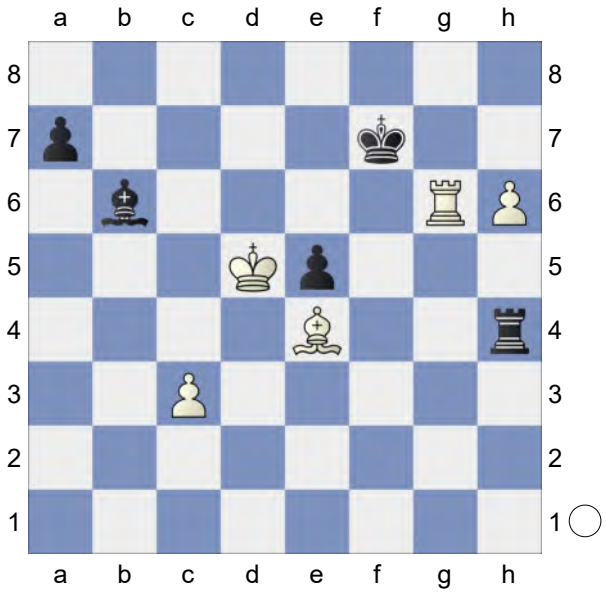
48.Be4 1.52/21
[48.h7+- 3.70/20 and the rest is easy.]

48...Rh4? 6.90/24
[48...Be3± 1.52/21]

49.Rg7+? 0.15/20
[49.Kxe5 Rxe4+ 50.Kxe4 Kxg6-+]
[White should try 49.Re6+- 6.90/24 Bg6+ would kill now. Kf8 *(49...Rxe4? 50.Kxe4 Kxe6 51.h7+-)* 50.c4 *(50.Rxe5 Rxh6 51.Bf5 Bc7=; 50.Kxe5 Bc7+ 51.Kd5 Ba5+-)*]

49...Kf6= 50.Rg6+ -0.01/19
[50.Rg8± 0.42/22 is more appropriate. Rxh6 51.c4]

50...Kf7

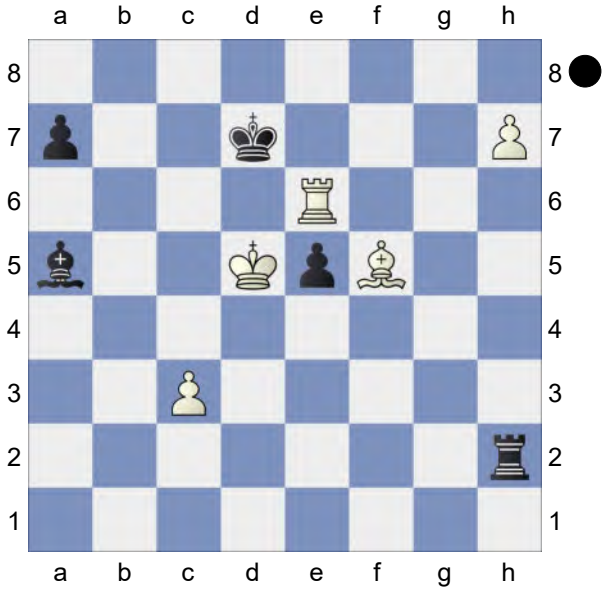


51.Rc6
[51.Kxe5? Rxe4+ 52.Kxe4 Kxg6-+]

51...Rh2 52.Bg6+ Ke7 53.Re6+
Double attack on e5/e7
[Weaker is 53.Kxe5 Rxh6 54.c4 Kd8±]

53...Kd7 54.h7
[54.Rxe5 Rxh6 55.Bf5+ Kd8=]

54...Ba5 55.Bf5
[55.Kxe5? loses. Bxc3+ 56.Kd5 Rd2+ Deflection 57.Kc4 Kxe6-+]



White threatens mate.
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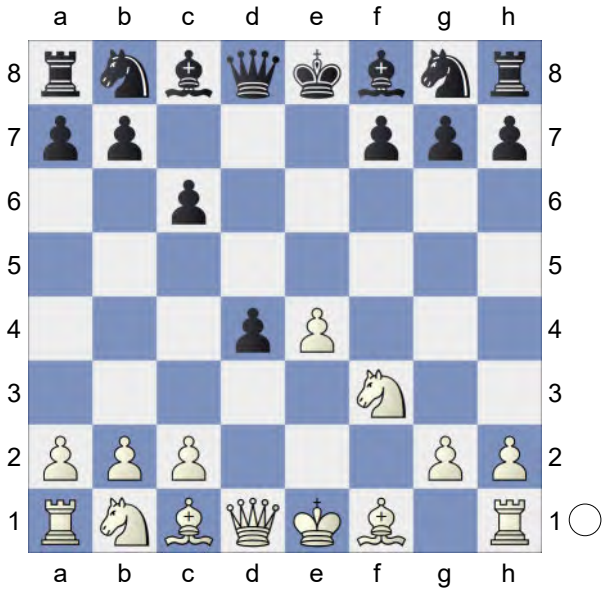
5 **B12**
□ **Dmitrijiiigm** **2855**
■ **Soham0705** **2711**
Blitz 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4



6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 And now Ng5! would win. **7...Ngf6! 8.Kh1N**
[8.e5 Nd5 9.Bxd5 cxd5 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.Nb3 0-0 12.Nbxd4 Nc5 13.Be3 3...♗g4-N,N Survey 1995]
[8.Qe1 Qc7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ng5 Bc5 11.Bxd5 cxd5 12.Bf4 0-0 13.e6 Qb6 14.exf7+ Kh8 15.Nxh7 d3+ 16.Kh1 Rxf7 17.Ng5 Rf5 18.Nd2 Nf8 19.g4 Rxg5 20.Bxg5 1-0 9.♕f3 e6 10.b3 (2320)-Martins,E (2354) USSR 33/668 1982]
8...Bd6 The position is equal.
[8...Nxe4?! 9.Re1 Be7 10.Rxe4+-]
9.Qxd4 Qe7

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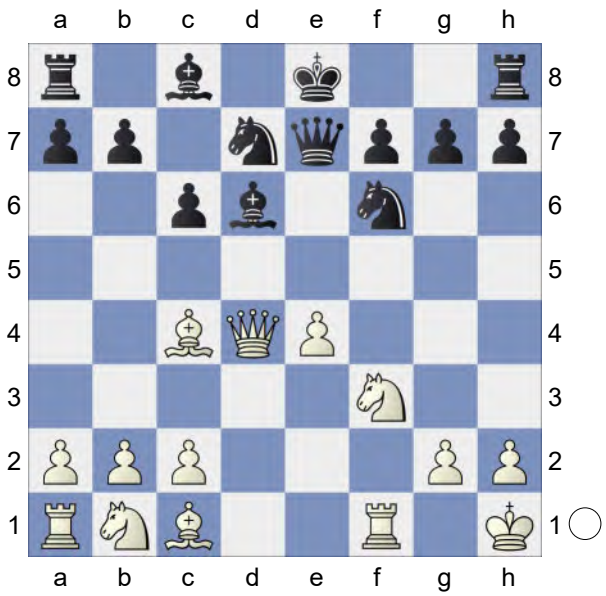
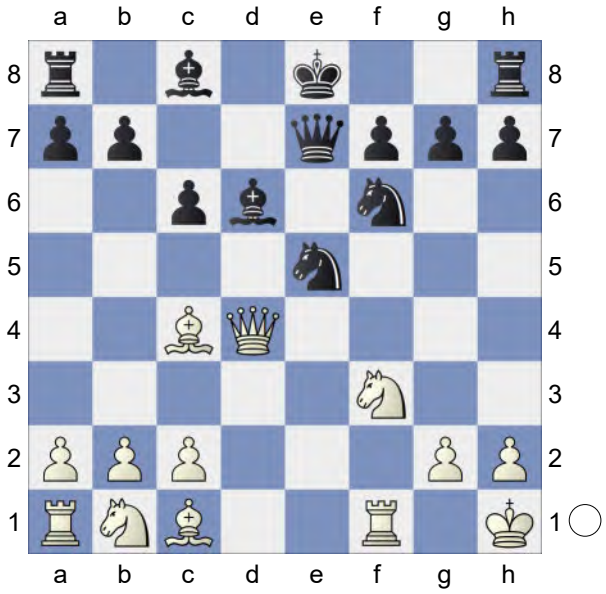
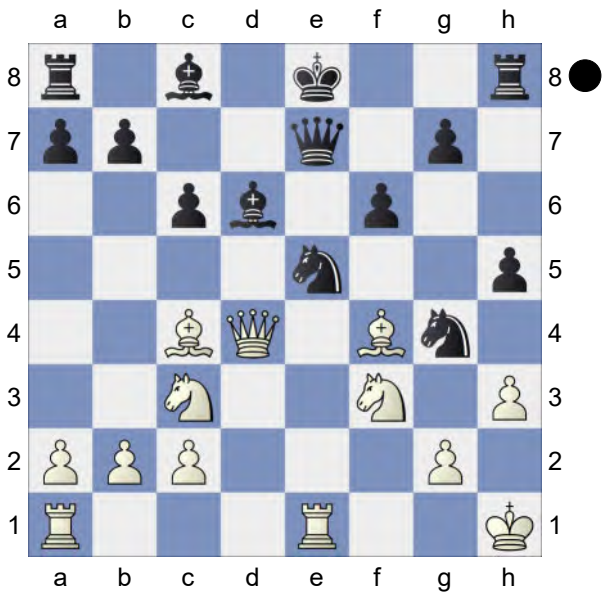


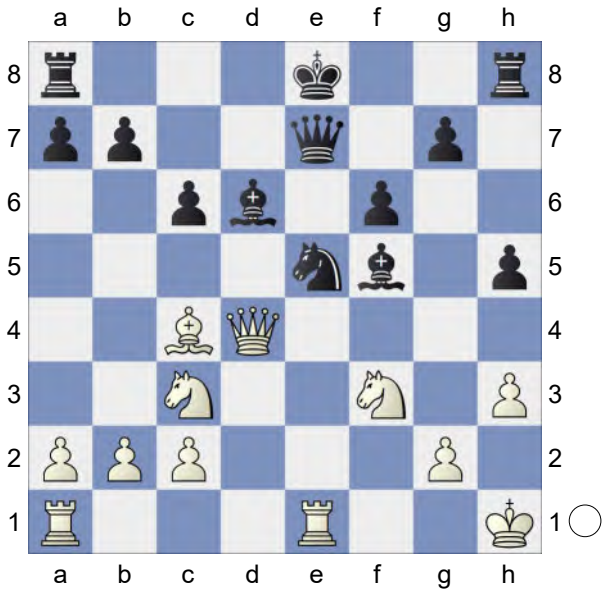
10.e5! Nxe5



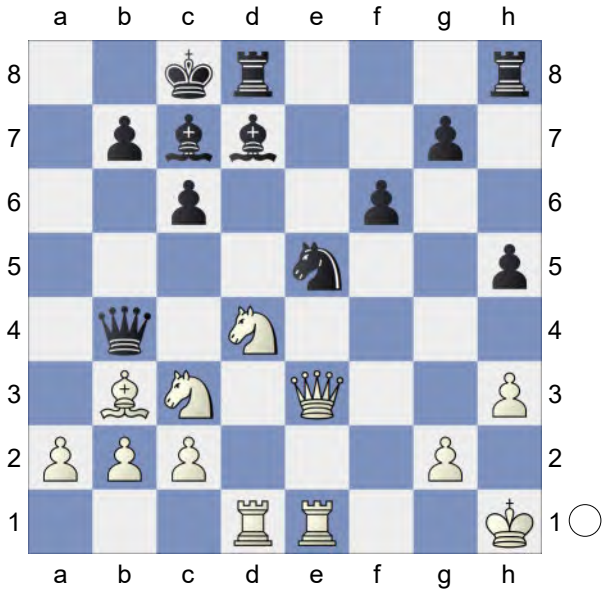
11.Re1 Nfg4 0.44/18
[11...b5= 0.01/18]
12.Bf4 -0.15/21
[White should play 12.h3!± 0.44/18 0-0 13.Nbd2]
12...f6 ...Bc5 would now be deadly.
[12...Bc5!? 13.Rxe5 Pin, Double Attack Bxd4 14.Rxe7+ Kxe7 15.Nxd4 Rd8∓]
13.h3! h5 14.Nc3 -0.01/21
[14.hxg4± 0.54/19 hxg4+ 15.Nh2]



14...Bf5! 1.09/19 **15.Bxe5?** -0.95/21
[15.hxg4± 1.09/19 keeps the pressure on. hxg4+ 16.Nh2]
[15.Bg3 0-0-0]
15...Nxe5 -0.16/19
[Better is 15...fxe5∓ -0.95/21 16.Qd2 0-0-0]

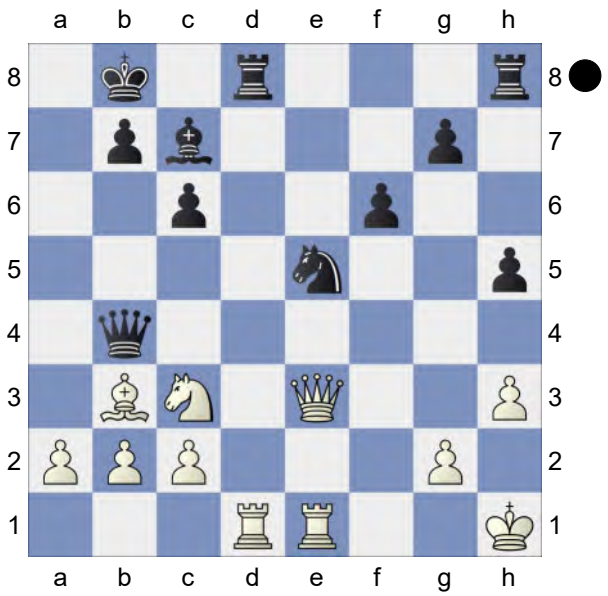


16.Rad1 0-0-0! 17.Qxa7 aiming for Na4. **17...Bb8** A strong pair of Bishops.
[17...Bxc2?! 18.Nxe5 fxe5 *(18...Bxd1 19.Nd3±)* 19.Nd5 cxd5 20.Rxd5=]
18.Qe3 -1.10/20
[18.Qf2!∓ -0.67/20 Rxd1 19.Nxd1]
18...Qb4 -0.37/20
[18...Bxc2 19.Rc1 Bh7 20.Nd5 Rxd5 *(20...cxd5? 21.Bb5++-)* 21.Bxd5±]
[18...Rxd1∓ -1.10/20 19.Nxd1 Bxc2 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Be6+ Kc7 22.Qxe5+ fxe5]
19.Bb3∓ Bc7↑ -0.13/19 Black has some pressure.
[19...Rxd1∓ -0.54/20 should be considered. 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Qd4+ Bd6 23.Qxb4 Bxb4]
20.Nd4 Bd7

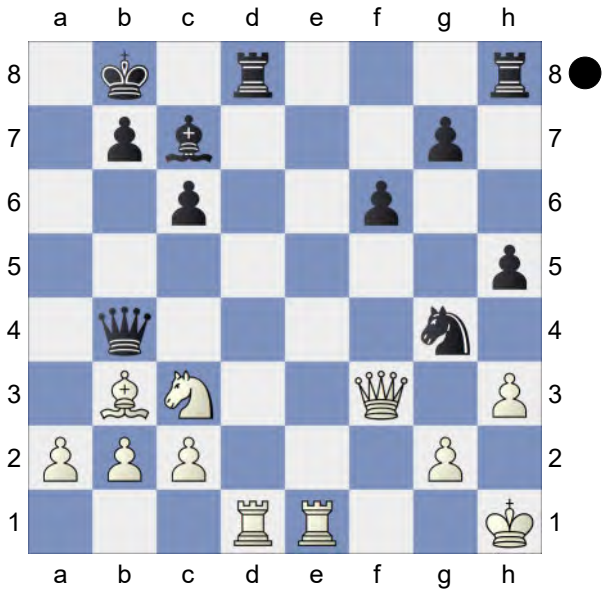


21.Ne6 -1.20/21
[21.Ne4= -0.26/18]
21...Bxe6∓ 22.Bxe6+ Kb8 23.Bb3 -2.17/21
[23.Rxd8+∓ -1.19/21 might work better. Rxd8 24.Bb3]

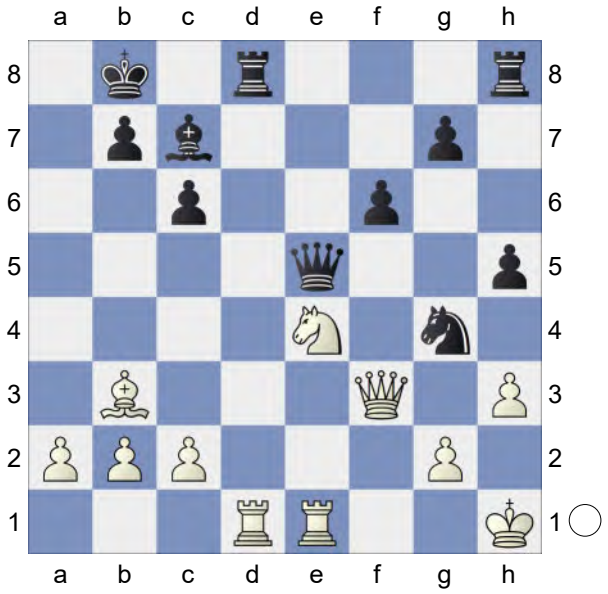
(Diagram)



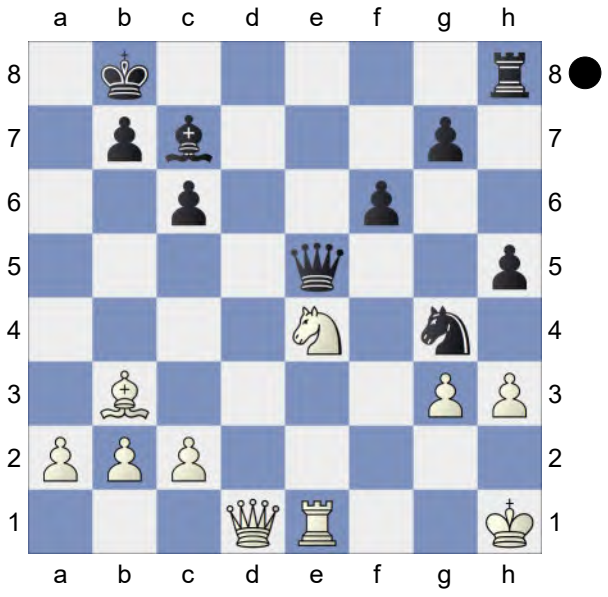
23...Ng4? -0.62/22 **24.Qf3** -4.17/25
[24.hxg4? perishes. hxg4+ 25.Kg1 Bb6 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8-+]
[24.Rxd8+∓ -0.62/22 Bxd8 25.Qd2 *(25.hxg4? hxg4+ 26.Kg1 Bb6-+* Pin *)*]



Loses the game. **24...Qc5?** -1.34/22
White is weak on the dark squares
[24...Rxd1!-+ -4.17/25 and Black stays clearly on top. 25.Rxd1 Qc5]
25.Ne4 -2.08/22
[25.Rxd8+∓ -1.34/22 Rxd8 *(25...Bxd8 26.Ne4∓)* 26.g3 *(26.hxg4?* is the wrong capture. *hxg4 27.Qe3 Qxe3-+)*]
25...Qe5



26.g3? -5.73/23
[26.Rxd8+ -2.00/22 Rxd8 27.g3]
26...Rxd1-+ Black is clearly winning.
27.Qxd1



Nf2+ Decoy **28.Nxf2 Qxg3**

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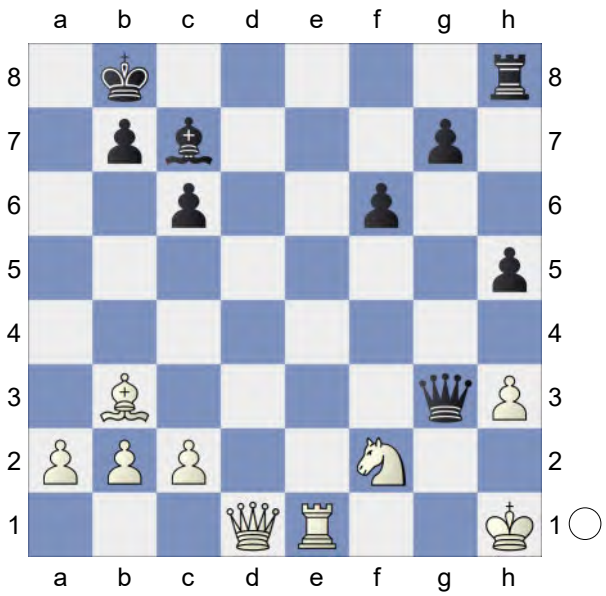

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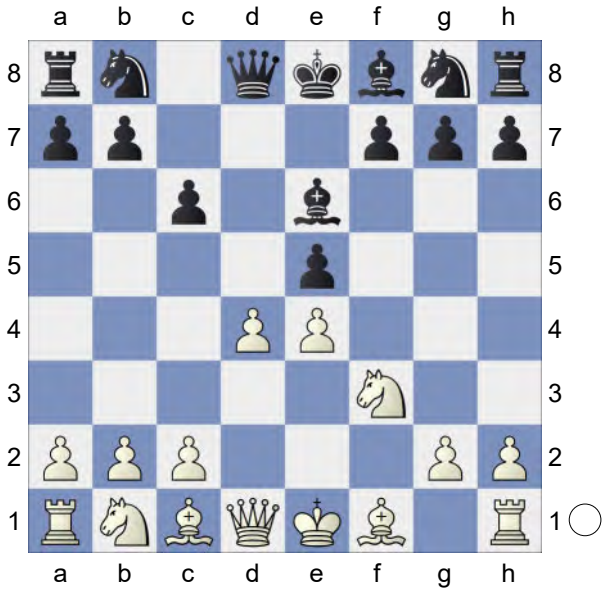
6 **B12**
□ **Bettercollsoul** **2913**
■ **Okriak** **2727**
Blitz 20.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Be6



6.c3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Na3N The position is equal.
[9.Kh1 0-0 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Nbd2 Quickstarter Guide-Caro Kann Fantasy: 3...dxe4 # Rae8 12.Qe1 h6 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bg1 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Qe2 3...g6-N,N _2486 2022]
[9.Qe2 Qe7 10.c4 Bg4 11.d5 Bc5+ 12.Kh1 Bd4 B 12/06 2001]
9...b5 10.Be3 h6

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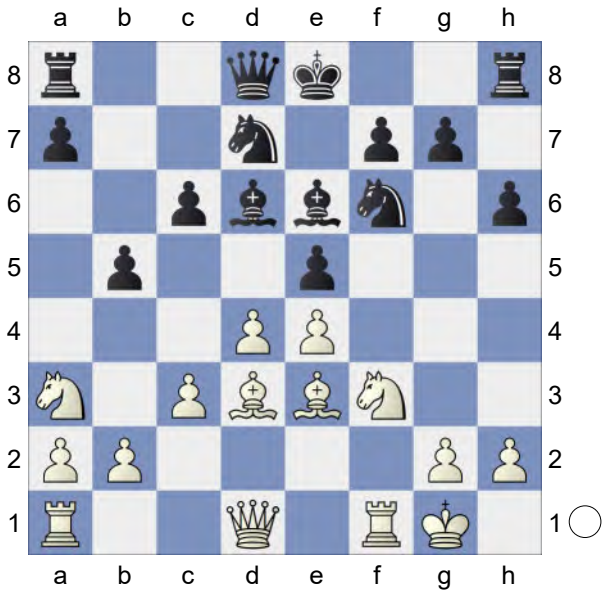
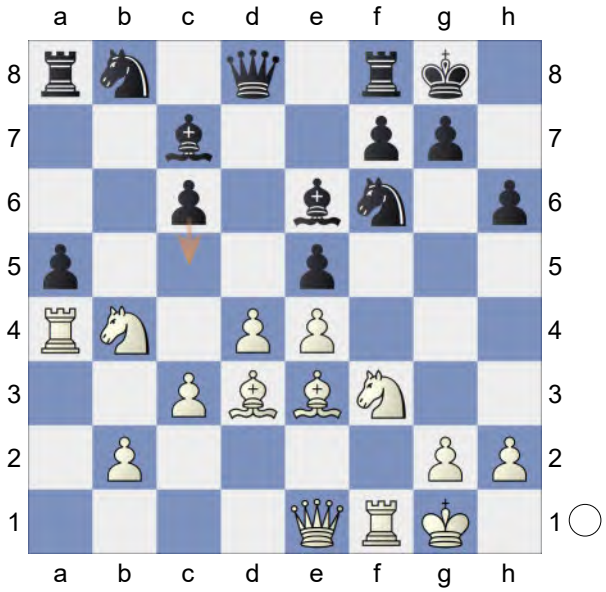
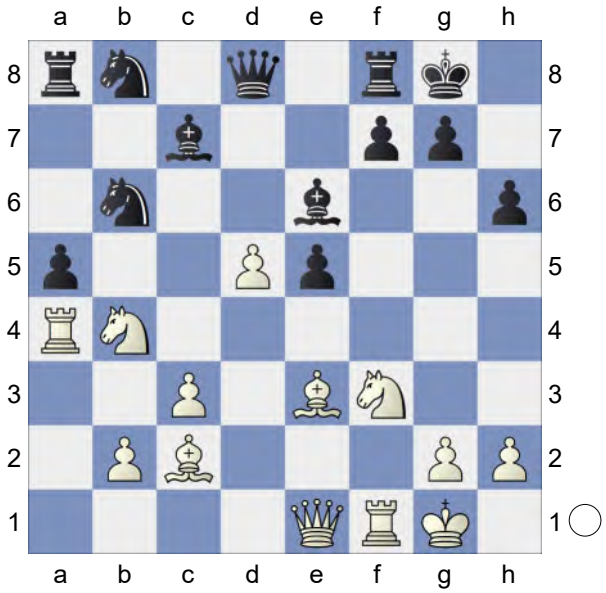


11.Nc2 0-0 12.Qe1 Bc7 0.37/18
[12...Re8∓ -0.39/15]
13.Nb4± Nb8 14.a4 bxa4 15.Rxa4 a5

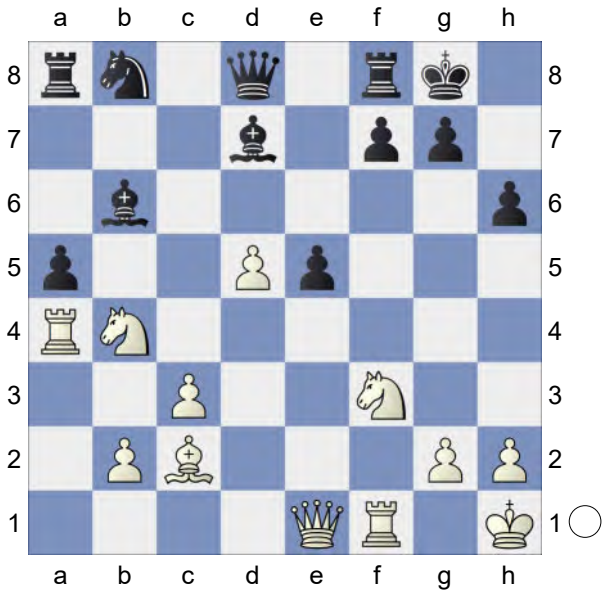


16.Bc2
[16.dxe5 Ng4 17.Nd4 Bd7∓ *(17...Nxe5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Be2=; 17...Bxe5 18.h3∓)*]
16...Nfd7 1.01/19
[16...Ng4= 0.18/17 remains equal.]
17.d5 0.64/19
[17.Nd3± 1.01/19]
17...cxd5 1.02/20
[17...Bg4!± 0.64/19]

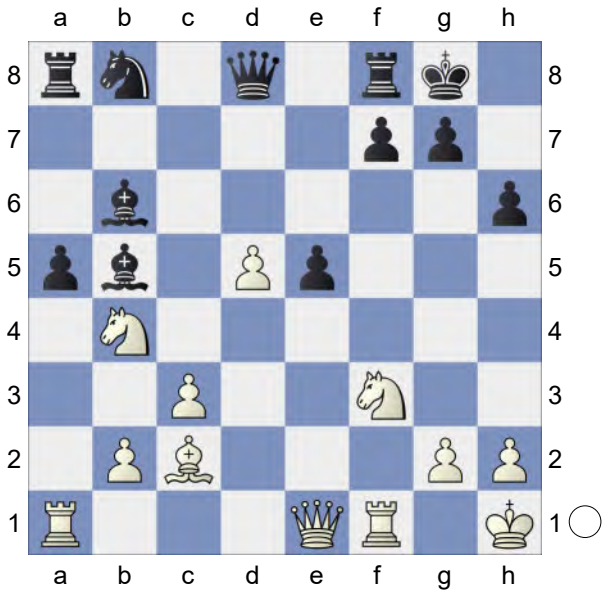
18.exd5± Nb6? 3.54/20
[18...axb4± 0.96/18 was necessary. 19.dxe6 *(19.Rxa8 Bxd5 20.Ra1 bxc3±)* 19...Rxa4]



19.Bxb6? 1.09/20
[19.dxe6+- 3.54/20 is more deadly. Nxa4 20.e7 Deflection *(20.Bxa4 fxe6 21.Bc6 Nxc6±)* 20...Qxe7 21.Nd5 *(21.Bxa4? axb4 22.Bb3 bxc3-+)*]
19...Bxb6+ 20.Kh1 Bd7



21.Ra1 Bb5



22.Nxe5 -0.34/19
[White has to play 22.c4!± 1.01/20 Nd7 *(22...Bxc4? 23.Qe4+-)* 23.Rd1]
22...Bxf1∓ 23.Qxf1 Ra7 0.80/24
Black is weak on the light squares
[23...g6= -0.17/20 24.Bb3 Kg7]
24.Nbc6 Really sharp! White is much more active. Excellent horsemanship.
24...Qxd5 1.40/22
[⌓24...Nxc6 0.72/21 25.Qd3 *(25.Nxc6 Qxd5 26.Nxa7 Bxa7=)* 25...g6 *(25...Nxe5 26.Qh7#)* 26.Nxc6 *(26.dxc6 Qxd3 27.Bxd3 Rc8∓)* 26...Qd6]
25.Nxa7? -0.38/21
[25.Ne7+± 1.40/22 Rxe7 26.Qf5]
25...Qxe5

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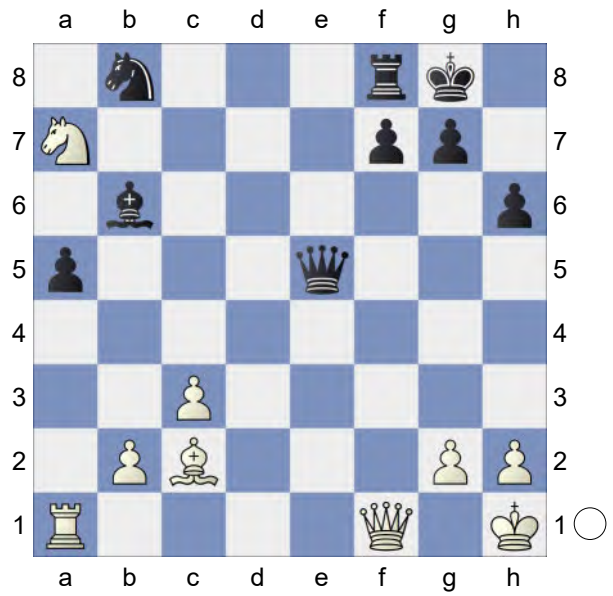

26.Nb5 -0.74/22
[26.Re1= -0.24/21 keeps the balance. Qc5 27.Nb5]
26...Nd7→ Black has strong attack.
27.Re1 Qg5 28.Nd4 Bxd4 -0.01/21
[28...Nf6∓ -0.47/21]
29.cxd4 -1.27/19
[29.Qd3!= -0.01/21 was the only way to keep the balance. Qg6 30.Qxg6 *(30.cxd4 Qxd3 31.Bxd3 Rd8∓)* 30...fxg6 31.cxd4]
29...Rc8 -0.38/21
[29...Qd2∓ -1.27/19 30.Re2 Qxd4]
30.Qd3 -0.84/20
[30.Bf5∓ -0.38/21 Rd8 31.Bxd7 Rxd7 32.h3]
30...Nf6

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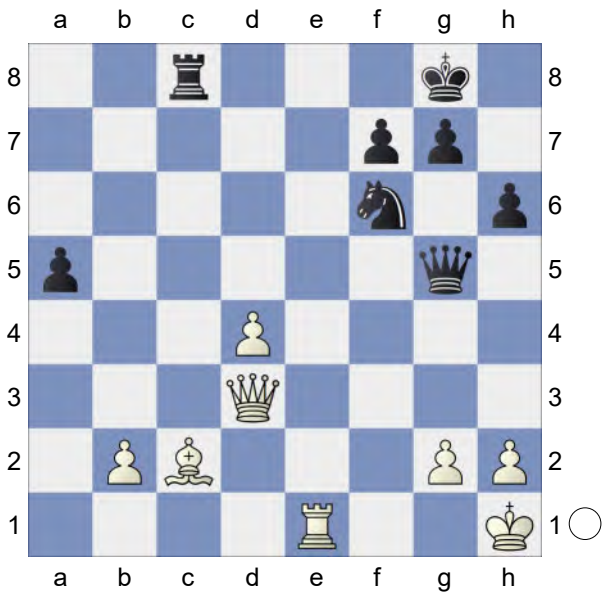
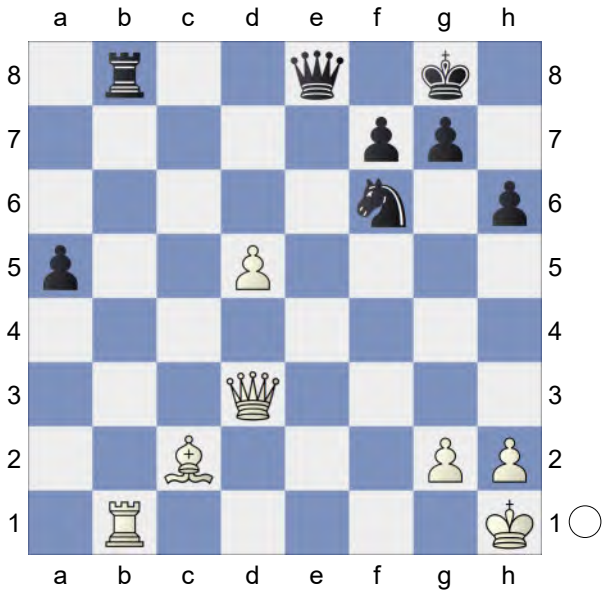
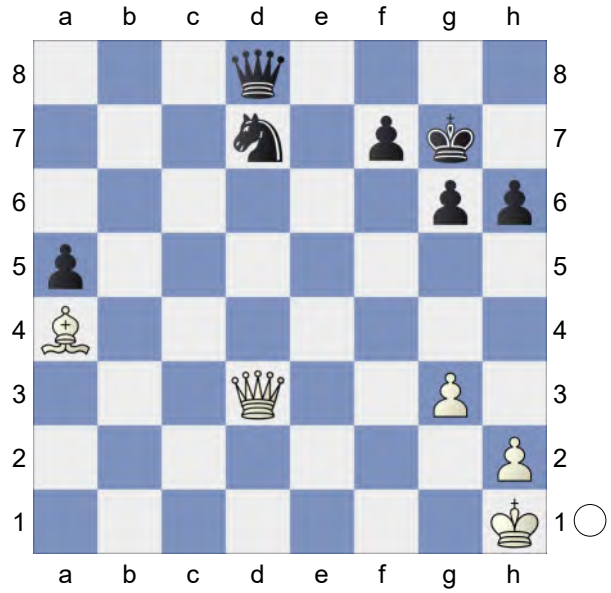


31.Rf1 Rb8 32.Rf5 Qc1+ -0.31/20
[Black should try 32...Qh4∓ -0.77/20 And now ...Ng4 would win. 33.g3 Qh3]
33.Rf1!∓ Qxb2 34.d5 -1.93/20
[34.Rb1∓ -0.49/21 Re8 35.Kg1]
34...Qb5 -0.46/19
[34...Rc8-+ -1.93/20 35.Bd1 *(35.d6? Rc3-+)* 35...Qb4]
35.Rb1 Qe8



36.Rxb8 Qxb8 Endgame. KQB-KQN
37.d6 Qd8 -0.01/24
[37...Qc8∓ -0.87/23]

38.Ba4= g6 39.d7 Kg7 0.70/23
[Better is 39...Nh7!= 0.01/24]
40.g3 Black is now going downhill.
40...Nxd7 1.22/23



41.Qxd7±
[Don't play 41.Bxd7 Qa8+ 42.Kg1 Qa7+ 43.Kg2 a4±]
41...Qxd7 2.37/21
[41...Qf6± 1.25/22 42.Qd3 h5]
42.Bxd7 KB-KP **42...Kf6 43.Ba4 h5?** 5.34/28
[43...Ke5 2.11/22 is tougher. 44.Kg2 g5]
44.Kg2 g5 45.Kf3 Kg6

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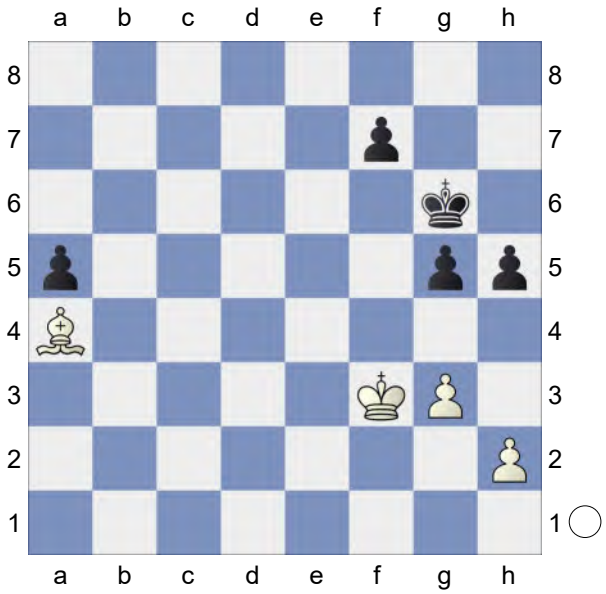
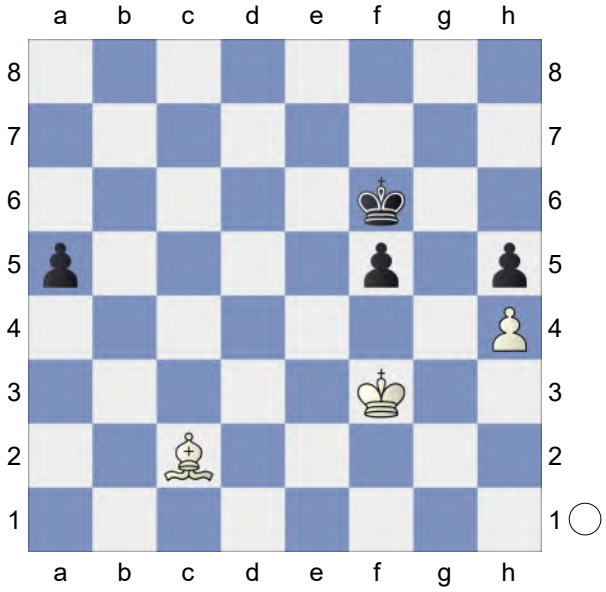


46.Bc2+ f5 47.Ba4 Kf6 48.h4 gxh4 6.08/25
[⌓48...Kg6 4.34/29 49.Ke3 Kf6]
49.gxh4+- KB-K3P **49...Ke5 50.Bc2 Kf6**



51.Kf4 Kg7 52.Kg5 a4 53.Bxa4 KB-KPP **53...Kh8 54.Kh6 Kg8 55.Bd1 Kh8**

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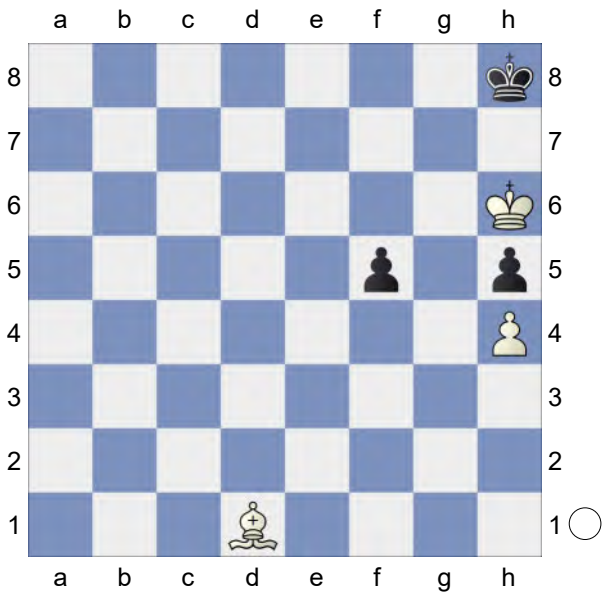
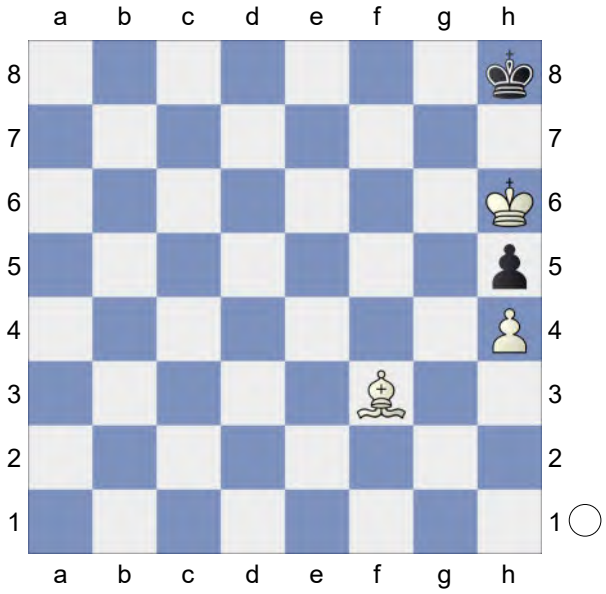


56.Bf3 f4 57.Kg5 Kg8 58.Kxf4 Kh8 59.Kg5 Kg8 60.Kh6 Kh8



61.Be4 Kg8 62.Bf5

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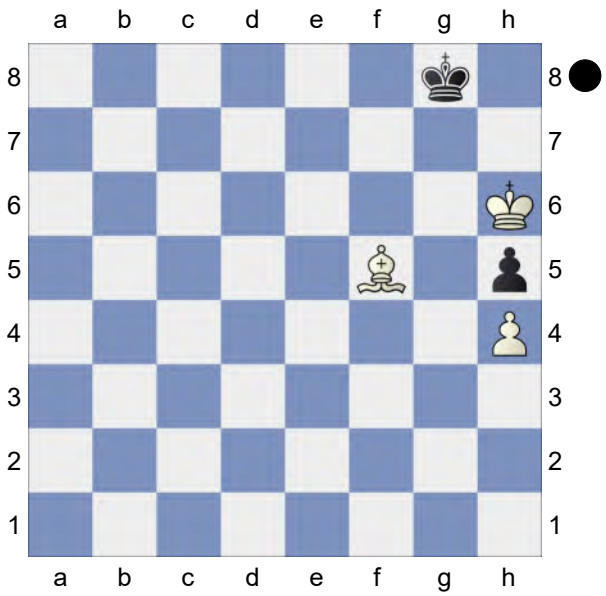

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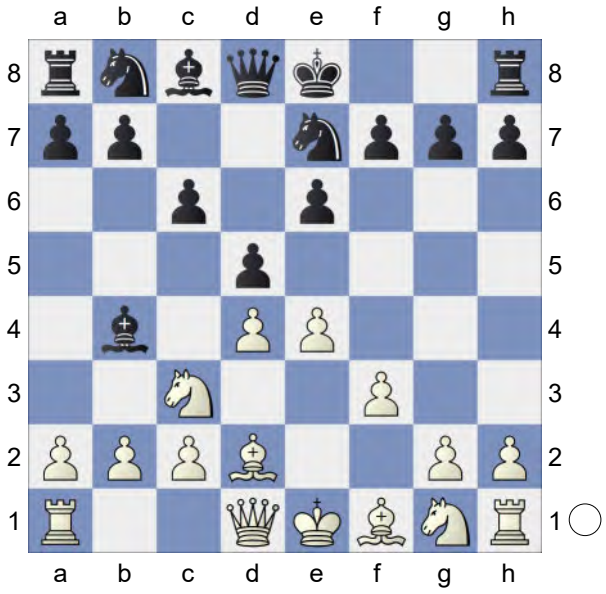
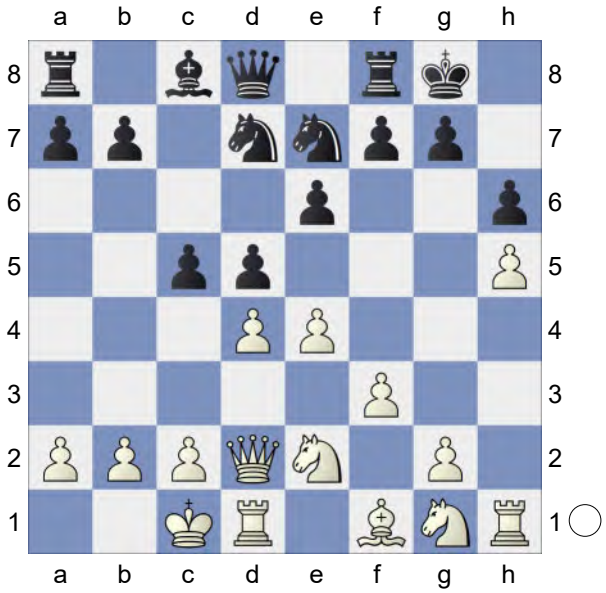
7 **B12**
□ **Deacbogdan1** **2967**
■ **Der Kaufmann** **2830**
Blitz 27.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7
[5...b6 6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
[5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 _-_ 6.♗d2 c5_52375 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)]



6.h4N
[6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3
A) 7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 *(8...c5 9.e5 a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:*)* 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.e5 h6 12.c3 a6 13.Nd6 Bc7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:;
B) 7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Qxd4 10.0-0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:]
6...Nd7 7.h5 h6 8.Nce2 The position is equal. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 c5**



11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Nf4 Qb6 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Bc4 -0.57/19
[14.Nxd5± 0.33/19 exd5 15.Ne2]
14...Na4∓ 15.Bb3 Nxd5! would now be deadly. **15...Bd7?** 0.87/19
[15...Ne3∓ -0.64/19 16.Bxa4 Nxd1 17.Kxd1 *(17.Qxd1? Qb4-+)* 17...Qxb2]

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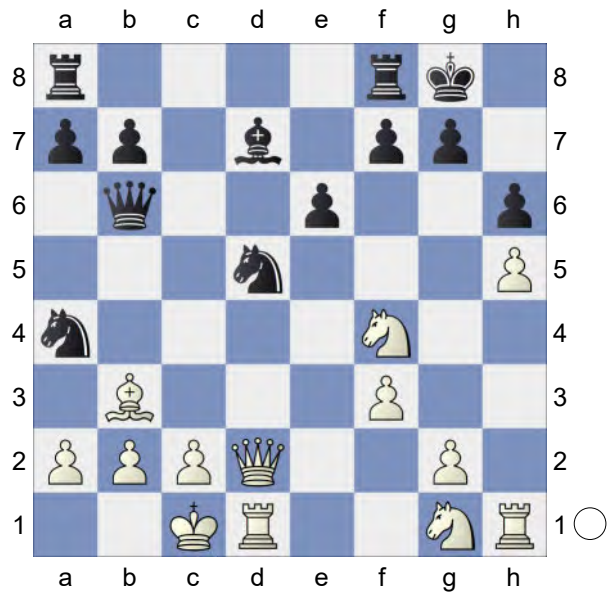

16.Nxd5± exd5 17.Ne2
[17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qe5 Nc5-+]
17...Rac8 18.Kb1
[18.Bxd5? Qxb2#]
[18.Qxd5? Be6 19.Qd2 Bxb3 20.axb3 Qxb3-+]
18...Nc5 19.Nc3 0.29/20
[White should try 19.Bxd5± 0.88/20 Bc6 20.Nf4]
19...Be6 1.18/21
[19...Nxb3= 0.29/20 remains equal. 20.axb3 Bf5]
20.Bxd5
[20.Nxd5?! Nxb3 21.axb3 Bxd5 22.Qxd5 Rc5=]
20...Rfd8

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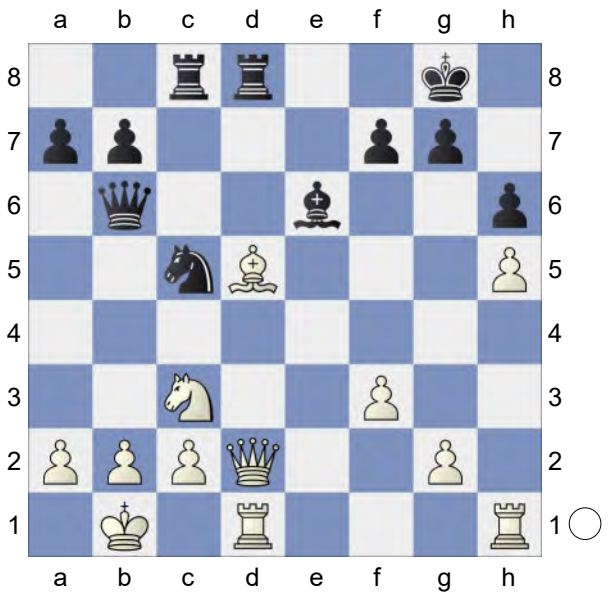
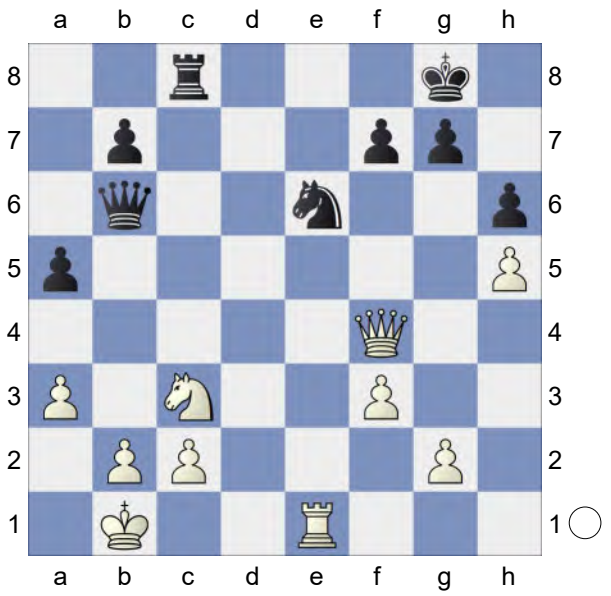


21.Qf4 a5 22.a3 Rd6 23.Bxe6 Rxe6 1.83/20
[23...Rxd1+± 1.22/21 was called for. 24.Rxd1 Nxe6]
24.Rhe1 0.91/23
[24.Rh4+- 1.83/20]
24...Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Nd5 is the strong threat. **25...Ne6**



26.Qe5 Qf2 27.Qe2 Qh4 28.g4! Rd8 29.Rd1 Rxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Endgame. KQN-KQN **30...Qf2**

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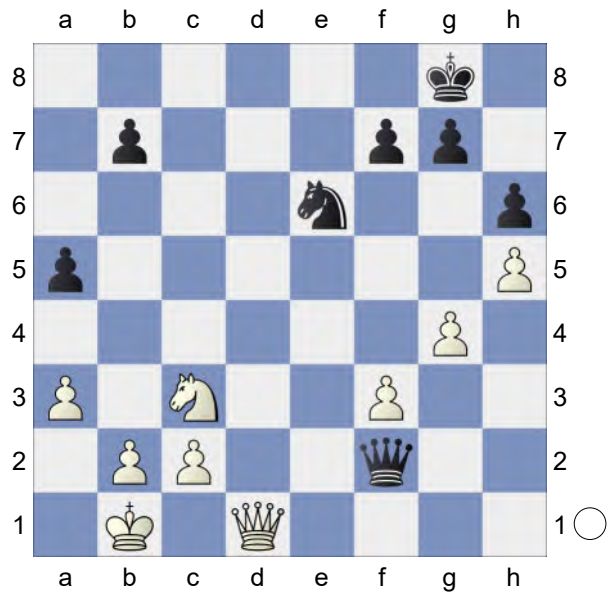
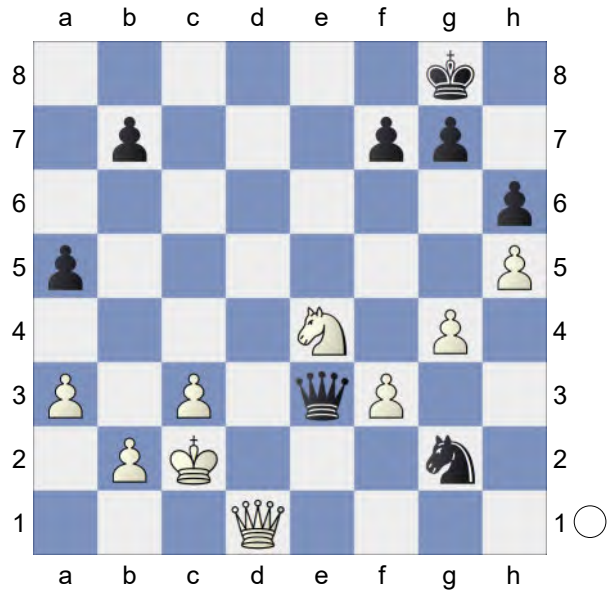
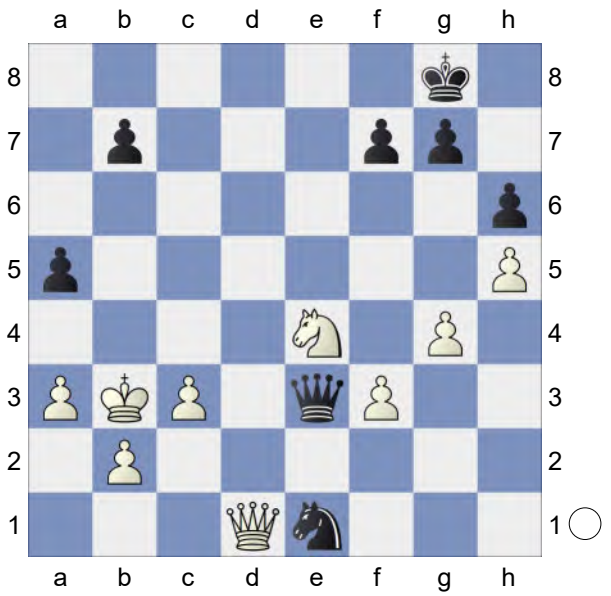


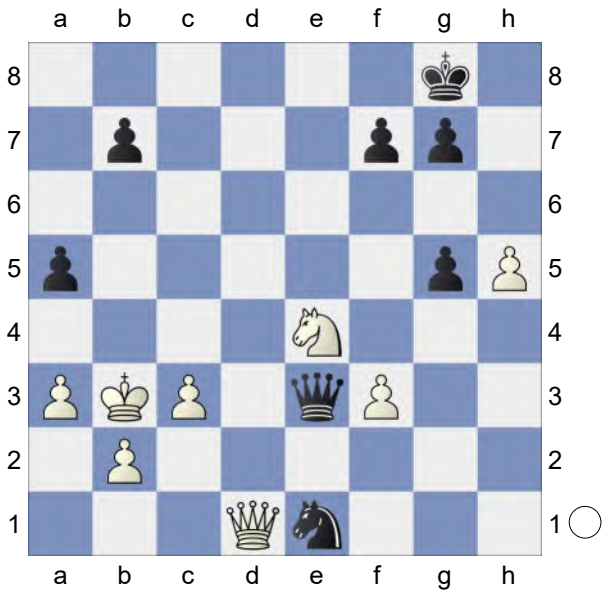
31.Ne4 Qe3 32.c3 1.17/22
[⌓32.Nd6 1.57/22]
32...Nf4 33.Kc2 0.81/21
[Better is 33.Qd7 1.37/22 Hoping for Qe8+. Qxf3 34.Qc8+ *(34.Qxb7 Qxg4 35.b4 Nd3=)* 34...Kh7 35.Qf5+ Kg8 36.Ka2]
33...Ng2 1.50/21
[⌓33...a4 0.81/21]



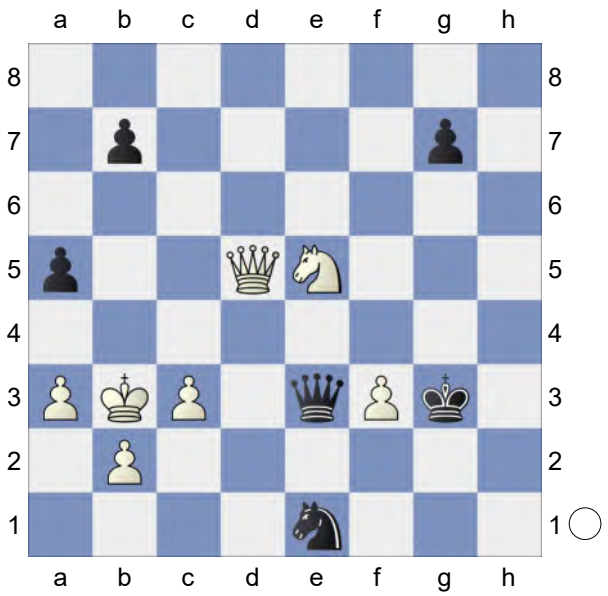
34.Kb3! Ne1 2.05/23
[34...Qb6+± 1.50/19 35.Ka2 Nf4]



35.g5 0.86/23 **hxg5** 1.89/24
[35...Nd3± 0.86/23 was necessary.]

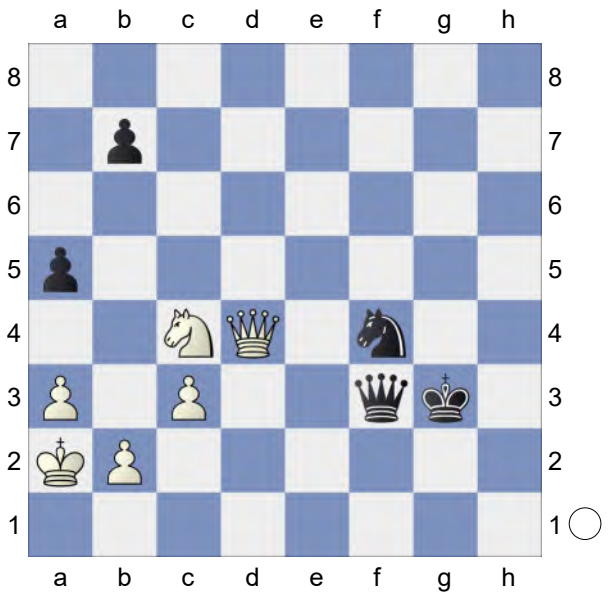


36.Qd8++- Kh7 37.Nxg5+
[37.Qxa5 Nxf3 38.Qd5 Qf4=]
37...Kh6 38.Nxf7+ Kxh5 39.Qd5+
[39.Qxa5+ Kh4=]
39...Kh4 40.Ne5 0.86/19
[40.Qxb7 Nxf3 41.Ka4 Qf4+ 42.Kxa5 Qf5+ 43.Ka4 g5]
[40.Qd4++- 1.80/20 Qxd4 41.cxd4 Nxf3 42.Kc4 Nd2+ 43.Kd3]
40...Kg3±



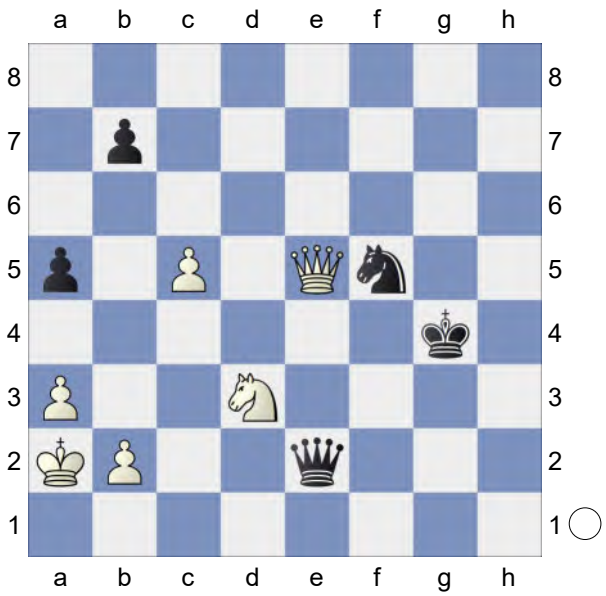
41.Ka2 0.11/21
[41.Qxa5± 0.56/17 was preferrable. Kf4 42.Nc4]
41...Ng2 1.55/21 White now steadily converts the win.
[41...a4= 0.11/21 keeps the balance.]
42.Nc4 Qxf3 2.50/20
[42...Qf4± 1.28/21]
43.Qe5++-
[Weaker is 43.Qxa5 Qf4 44.Qd5 g5=]
43...Nf4 44.Qxg7+
[Stronger than 44.Qxa5 Qd5 45.Qxd5 Nxd5=]
44...Kf2 45.Qd4+
[Don't do 45.Nxa5 Qd5+ 46.Nb3 Nh3 47.Qf8+ Kg3+-]
45...Kg3

(Diagram)

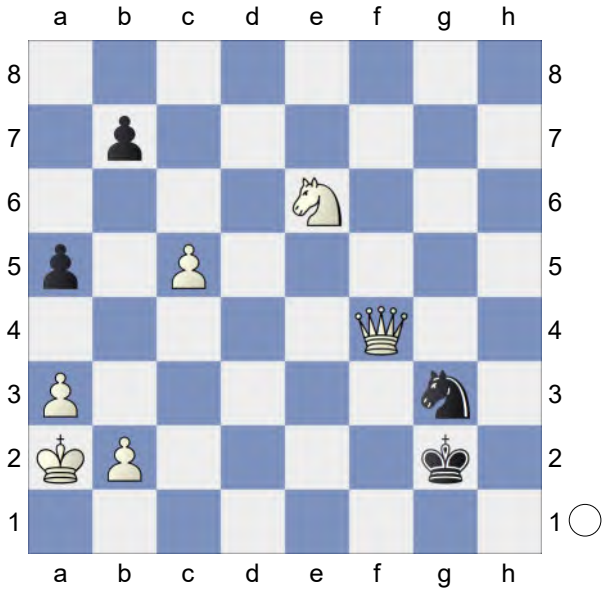


46.Ne5 Qe2 47.c4? 0.93/20
[47.a4+- 2.94/20]
47...Ng2? 3.28/19
[47...a4± 0.93/20 48.c5 Ng2]
48.c5? 1.06/17
[48.Kb3+- 3.28/19 and White stays clearly on top.]
48...Ne3? 3.84/20
[48...a4± 1.06/17 49.Qc3+ Kf4]
49.Nd3 2.17/19
[⌓49.Qe4 3.84/20]
49...Nf5? 8.77/19
[49...Qf3 2.17/19 50.Qd6+ Kh3]
50.Qe5+? 1.06/22
[50.Qf4++- 8.77/19 is the precise move to win. Kg2 51.Qxf5]
50...Kg4? #11/20
[50...Qxe5± 1.06/22 51.Nxe5 Kf4]

(Diagram)



51.Qxe2+ White mates. **51...Kg5 52.Qe5 Kg4 53.Nf4 Ng3 54.Ne6 Kf3 55.Qf4+ Kg2**



56.Nd4 Ne2 57.Qf3+ Kg1 58.Qxe2 Kh1 59.Nf3 b6 60.Qh2#

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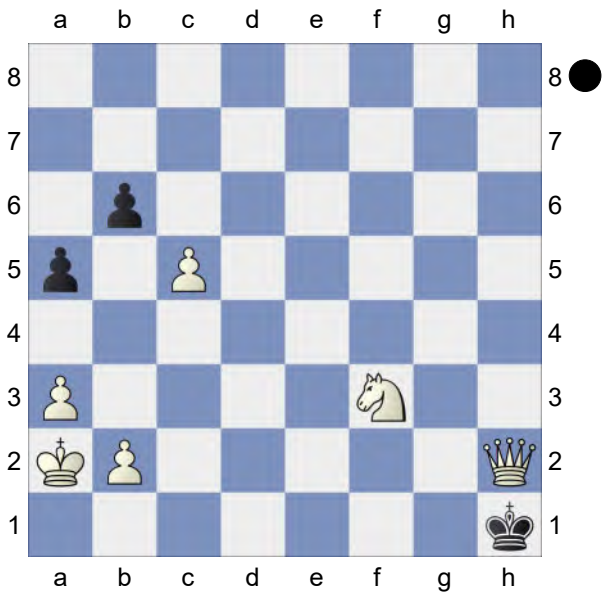

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.43

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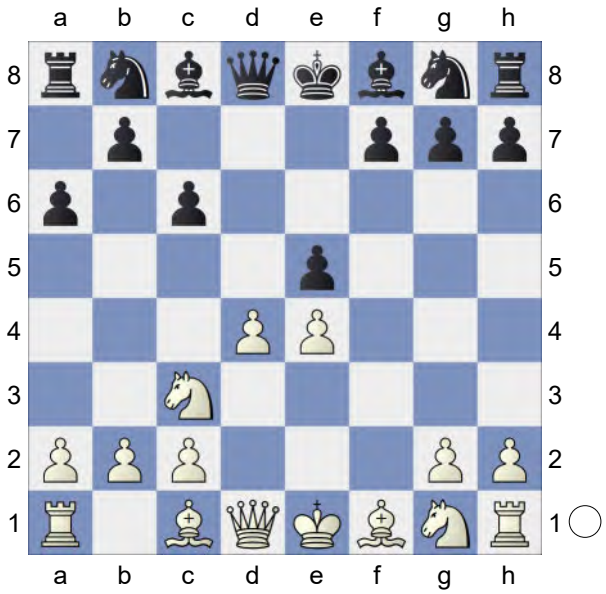
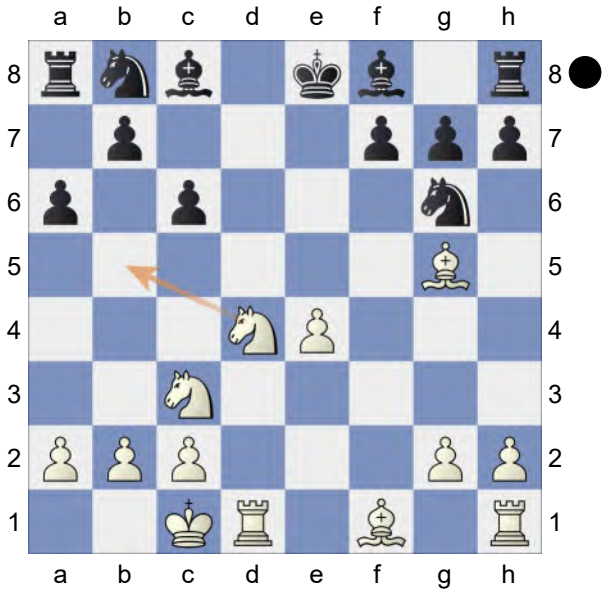
8 **B12**
□ **Bettercollsoul** **2860**
■ **Bbybyyo1** **2694**
Blitz 08.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

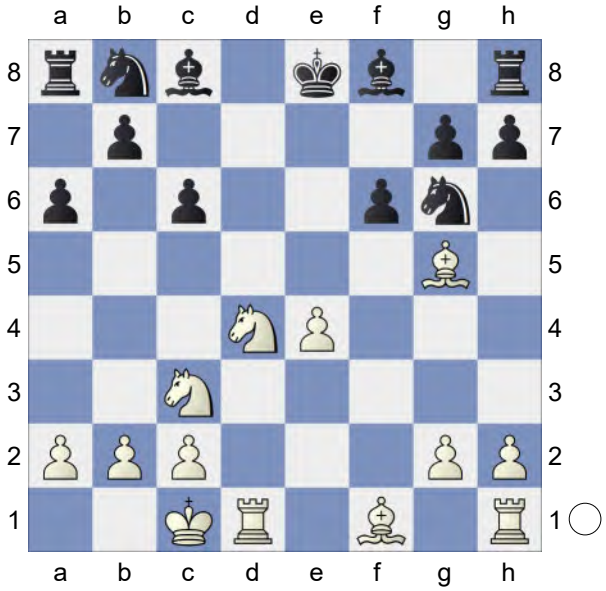
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 a6N
[3...e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be3 dxe4 *(5...Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 c5 9.f4 Nc6 10.Nf3 Qa5 11.Kf2 Qa4 12.h4 b6 13.h5 h6 14.g4 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.a4 Rc8 17.Qd3* 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3…e6-3…e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4…Nf6 / 5.*)* 6.fxe4 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Nf6 10.Qxg7 Rg8 11.Qh6 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4...Nf6 / 5.]
[3...dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.c3 Nf6 7.Be2 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Bc5 10.Nf5 g6 11.b4 Bb6 12.Ng7+ Kf8 13.Bh6 Kg8 14.Nd2 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6. c3: 6...Nf6 #2]
4.Nc3 dxe4 5.fxe4 e5



6.Nf3 0.22/18
[6.dxe5± 0.66/18 Qxd1+ 7.Nxd1]
6...exd4= 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4
The position is equal. **8...Ne7 9.Bg5 Ng6 10.0-0-0**

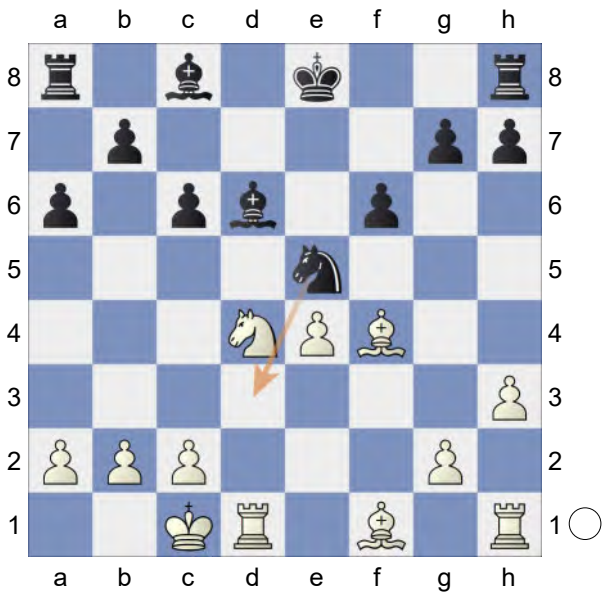


Threatens to win with Ndb5! **10...f6**

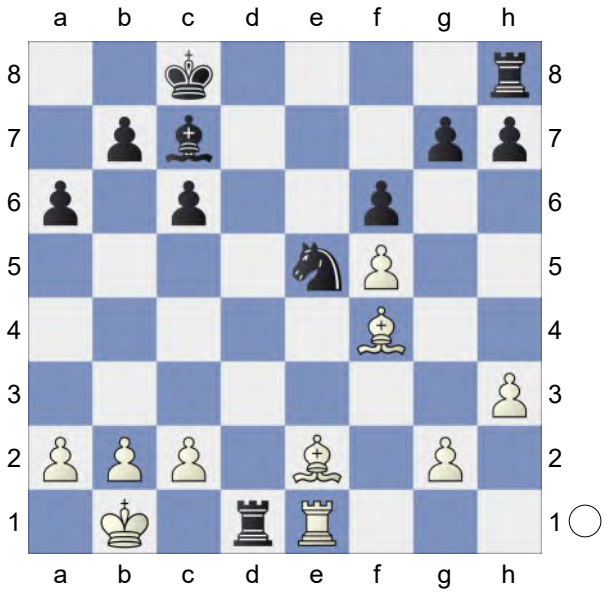


11.Be3 Bb4 12.Nce2 0.44/18
[12.Na4± 0.97/19 Black must now prevent Nb6. Bg4 13.Rd3]
12...Nd7 13.Nf4 Nxf4 14.Bxf4 Ne5 15.h3 Prevents Bg4. **15...Bd6**

(Diagram)

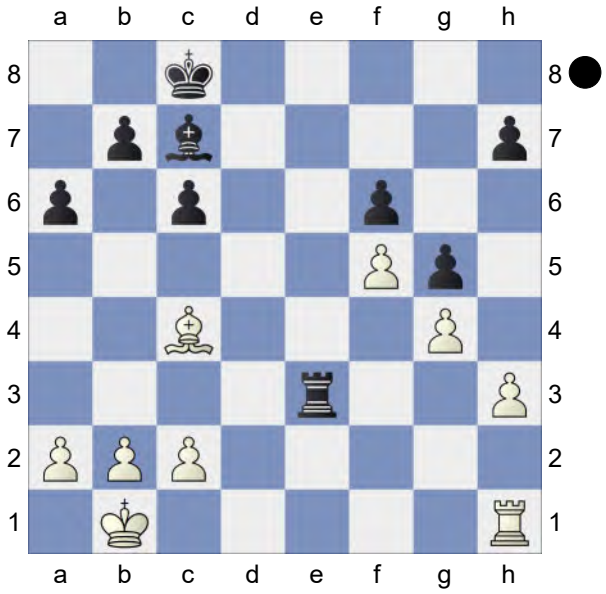


16.Kb1
[16.Nxc6? Nd3+ 17.cxd3 Bxf4+ 18.Kb1 bxc6-+]
16...Bc7 17.Be2 Bd7 18.Rhe1 0.07/18
[18.Nb3± 0.51/18 feels stronger.]
18...0-0-0 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 Rxd1+

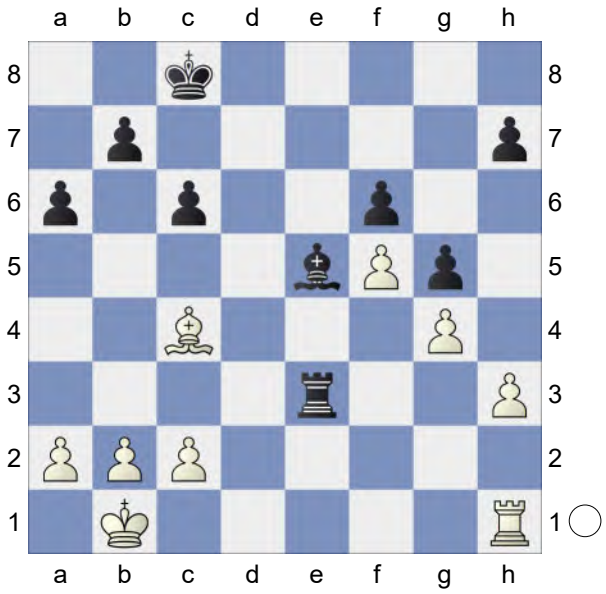


21.Rxd1 Re8 22.Bxe5 -0.30/22
[22.Bh5± 0.37/21 Re7 23.Re1]
22...Rxe5± Endgame. KRB-KRB **23.Bc4 g5** -0.06/21
[23...Rxf5? loses. 24.Be6+ Kb8 25.Bxf5+-]
[23...Bd6∓ -0.55/21]

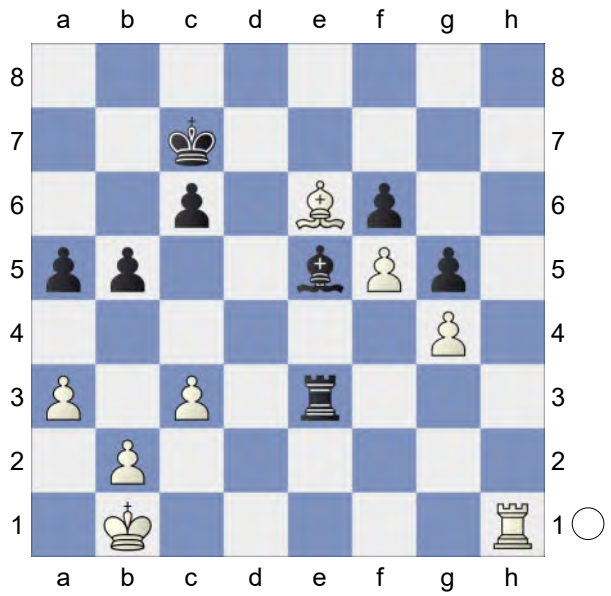
24.g4 -0.81/22
[24.fxg6= -0.06/21 remains equal. hxg6 25.Rf1]
24...Re3∓ 25.Rh1



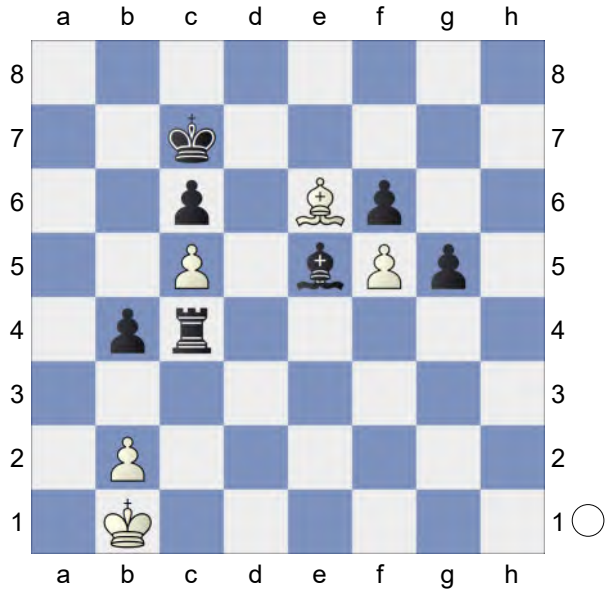
Be5 -0.54/21
[Better is 25...Bh2!∓ -1.04/21 26.Bd3 *(26.Be6+ Kb8∓)* 26...Rxh3]



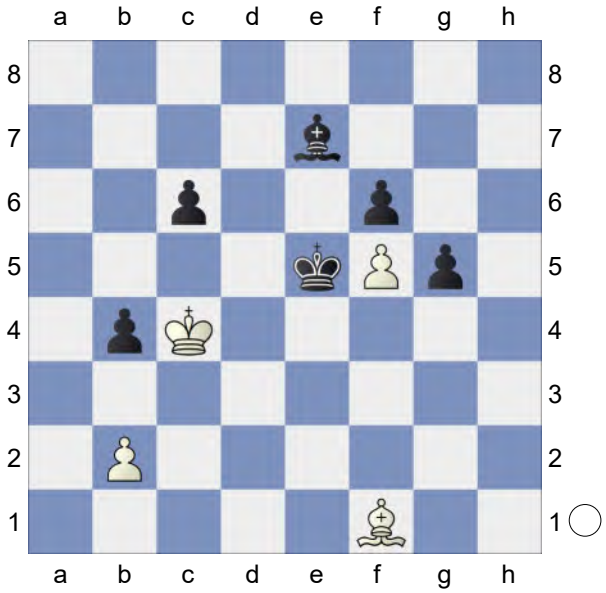
26.Be6+ -0.93/21
[26.c3∓ -0.54/21 is more appropriate.]
26...Kc7 Black is more active. **27.c3 b5 28.a3 a5 29.h4 h6 30.hxg5 hxg5**



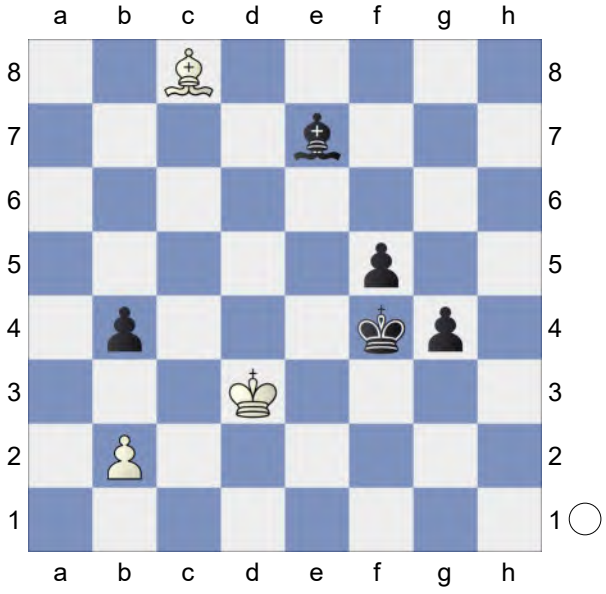
31.Rc1 -2.45/22 Now White is beyond hope.
[31.Rh7+∓ -1.17/21 Kb6 32.Bc8]
31...Rg3-+ 32.c4 -2.44/22
[⌓32.Rh1 -1.72/19]
32...b4
[Weaker is 32...Rxg4 33.cxb5 Rd4 34.Rxc6+ *(34.bxc6 g4∓)* 34...Kb8 35.Kc2=]
33.axb4 axb4 34.c5 Rxg4 35.Rc4? -4.05/26
[35.Ka2 -2.28/21]
35...Rxc4



36.Bxc4 KB-KB **36...Bd4 37.Kc2 Bxc5 38.Kb3** -9.78/28
[⌓38.Kd3 -4.39/30 Bf2 39.Ke4]
38...Kd6 39.Bf1 Ke5 40.Kc4 Be7



41.Bg2 Kxf5 42.Bxc6 Ke5 43.Kd3 f5 44.Bd7 g4 45.Bc8 Kf4



46.Ke2 Kg5 47.b3 f4 48.Kd3 Kh4 49.Ke4 f3 (-> ...f2) **50.Ba6 Kg3**

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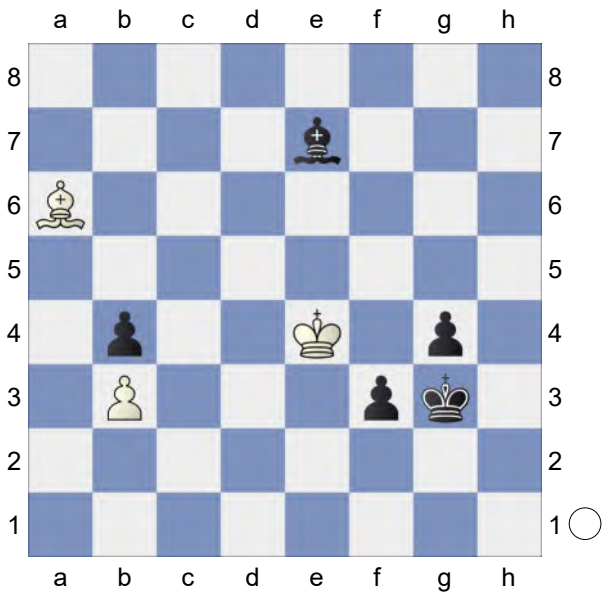
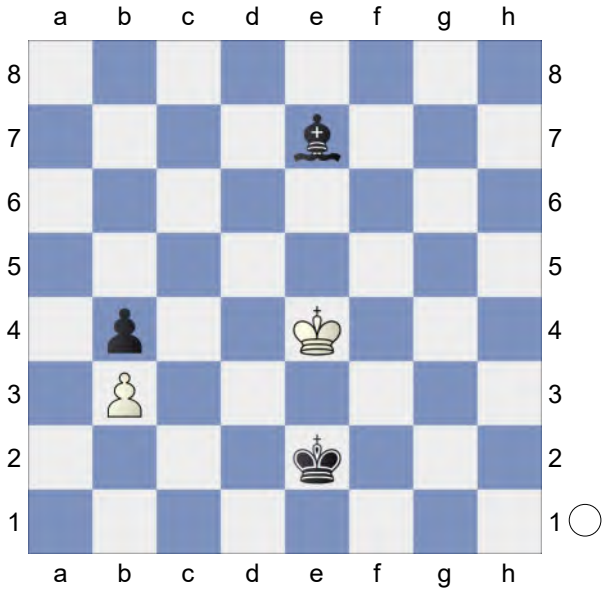


51.Kf5 Kg2 aiming for ...f2. **52.Kxg4 f2 53.Kf4 f1Q+** Black mates. **54.Bxf1+ Kxf1 55.Ke4 Ke2**



56.Kd4 Kd2 57.Kc4 Kc2

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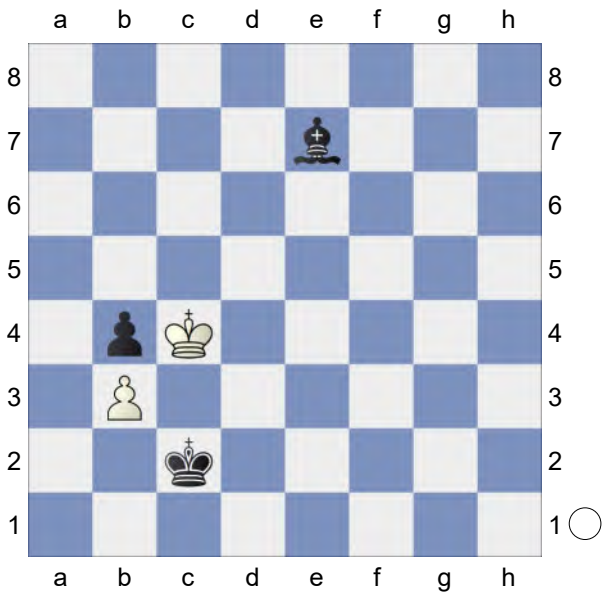

Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.17 (very precise)

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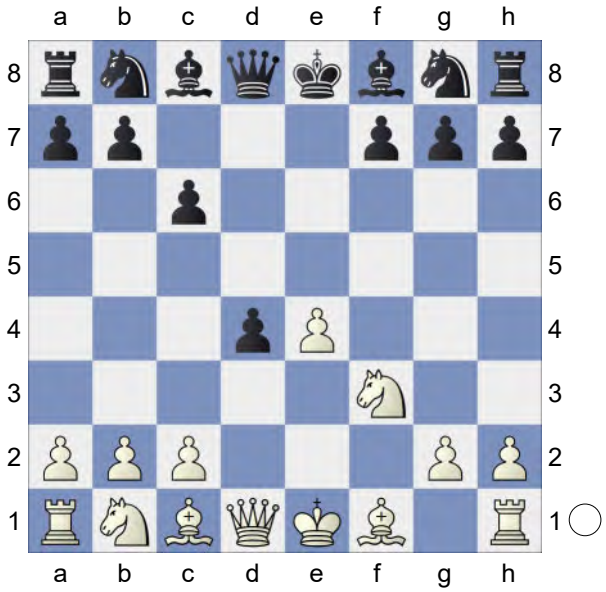
9 **B12**
□ **Bettercollsoul** **2862**
■ **Elretornodelmore** **2657**
Blitz 26.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4



6.Bc4 Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.e5
[9.Nxd4 Bc5 10.Be3 Na6=]
[9.Qxd4? Qxd4+ 10.Nxd4 Bc5-+ *(10...Nxe4 11.Nxe6 Bc5+ 12.Nxc5±)*]
9...Nd5 1.71/20
[9...Ne4!± 0.51/19]
10.Ng5!+-
[10.Qxd4?! Nd7 11.Kh1 Bc5=]
[10.Nxd4 Nc7]
10...Qd7 2.52/19
[⌓10...Qb6 1.80/18]

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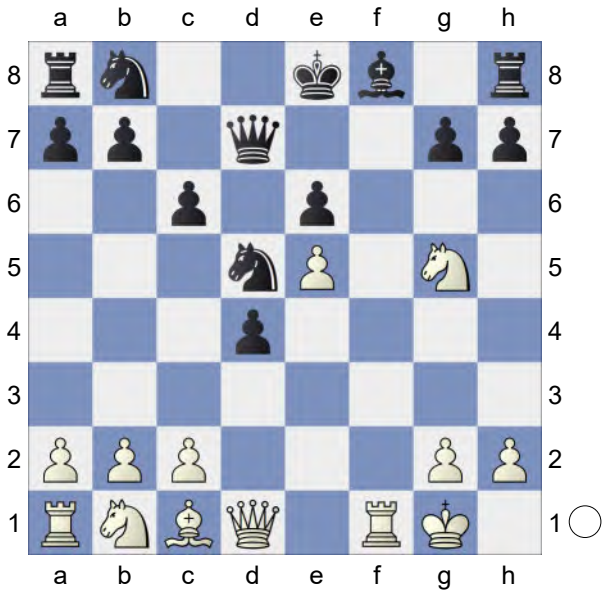
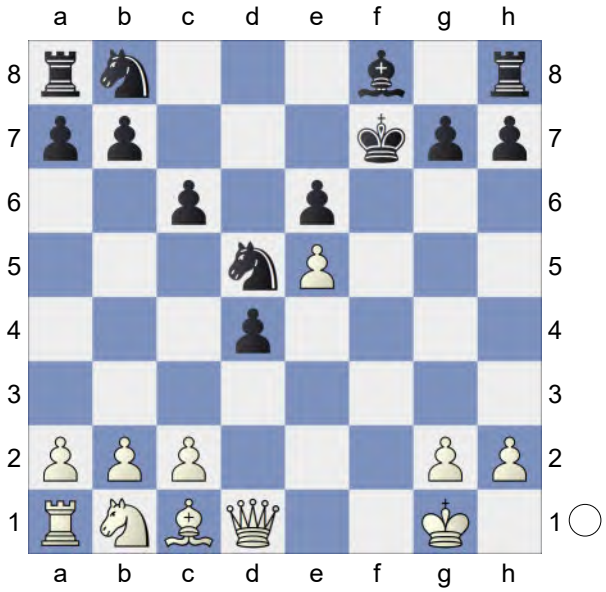
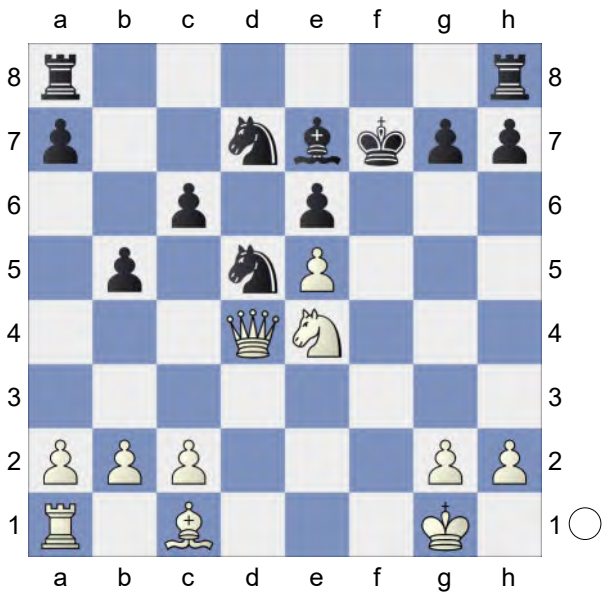


Inhibits Nf7. **11.Rf7!**
[11.Qxd4 h6±]
11...Qxf7 12.Nxf7 Kxf7

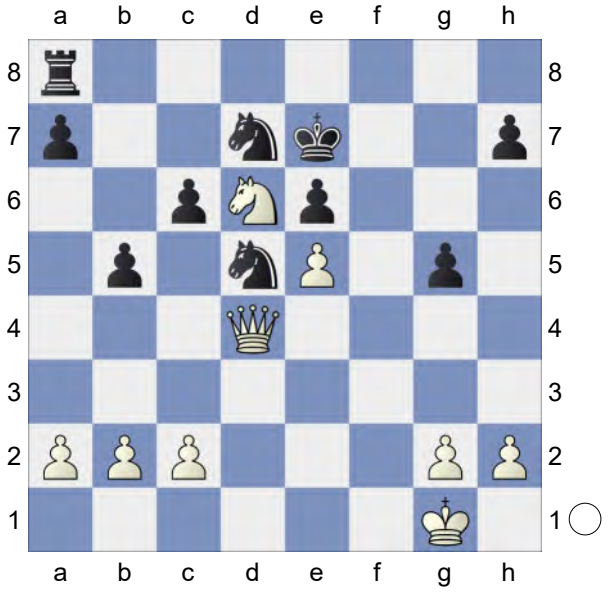


13.Nd2! Nd7N 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Qxd4
[15.Bg5 Rhe8 16.Bxe7 *(16.Qxd4 c5+-)* 16...Rxe7 17.Qxd4 Kg8±]
15...b5

(Diagram)



16.Bg5 Rhf8 17.Rf1+ Ke8 18.Rxf8+ Kxf8 5.70/20
[18...Bxf8 3.85/21 was worth a try. 19.Bh4 b4]
19.Bxe7+ Kxe7 20.Nd6 g5



Dodges Qh4 **21.c4 bxc4 22.Qxc4 Nxe5 23.Qc5 Nd3 24.Qa3** Ne4+ would now be deadly.
[24.Qxc6 Rb8 25.Nc4 Rd8+-]
24...N3b4 25.Qg3 Nf4

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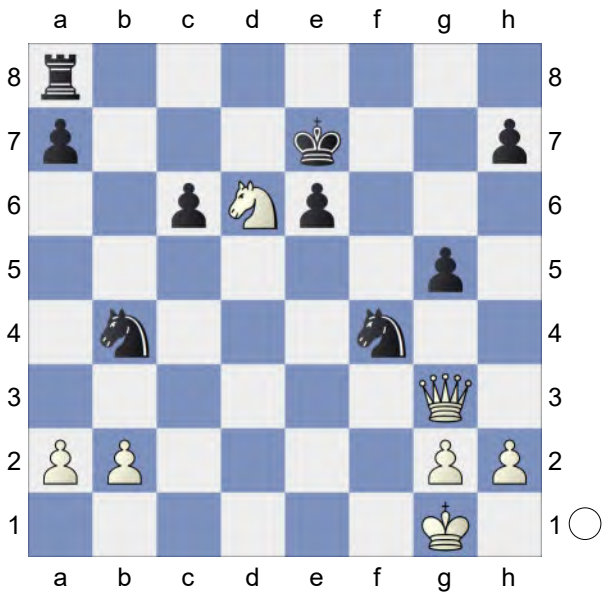
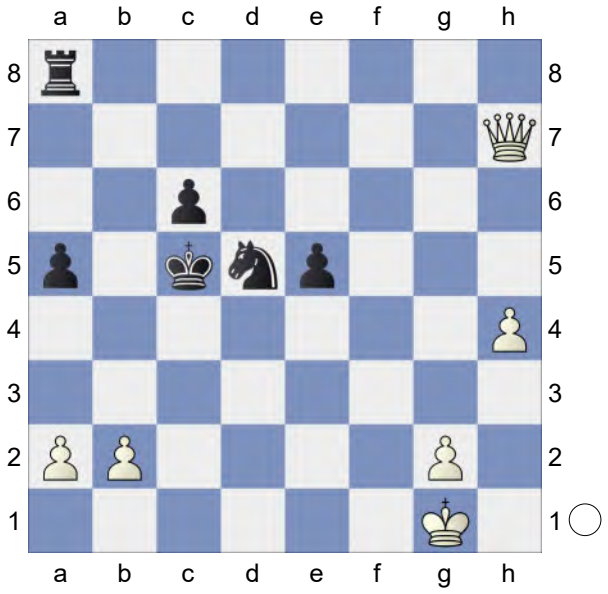


Threatens to win with ...Ne2+. **26.Qxg5+** White is clearly winning. **26...Kxd6 27.Qxf4+** Endgame. KQ-KRN **27...Kc5 28.Qh6 Nd5 29.Qxh7 e5 30.h4 a5** 8.69/19
[⌓30...Re8 5.10/18 31.h5 *(31.Qxa7+ Kd6+-)* 31...e4 32.Qxa7+ Kd6]



31.h5 Re8 32.Qe4 Nf6 33.Qe3+ Kd6 34.h6 Re7 35.Qg5 Ke6

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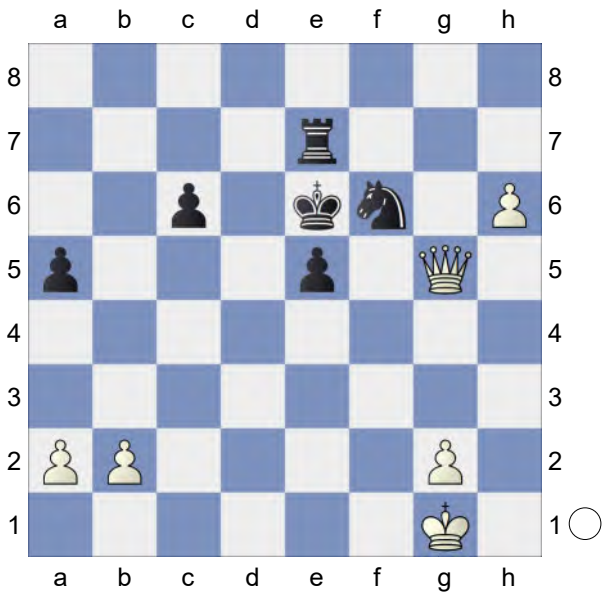
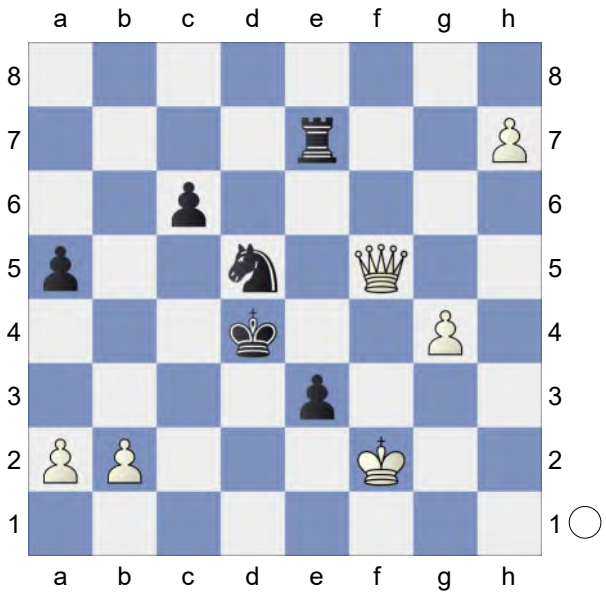


36.Qg6 e4 37.Kf2 Ke5 38.g4 Nd5 39.Qf5+ Kd4 40.h7 e3+



41.Ke2

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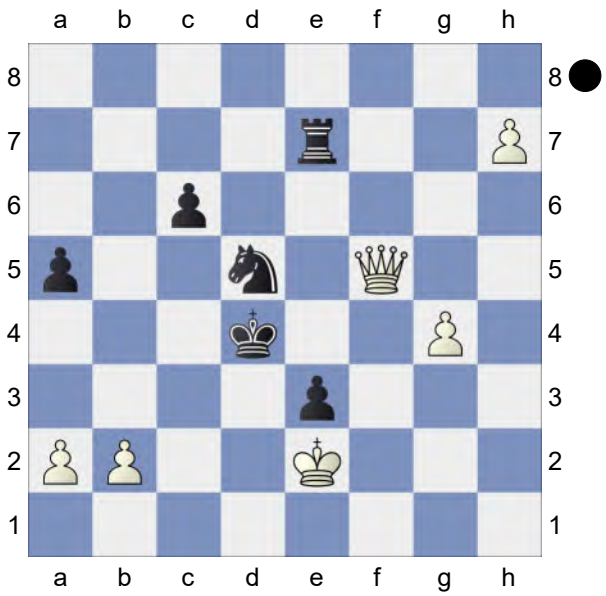

Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
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10 **B12**
□ **Mrdalica** **2856**
■ **HowardXue** **2950**
Blitz 11.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
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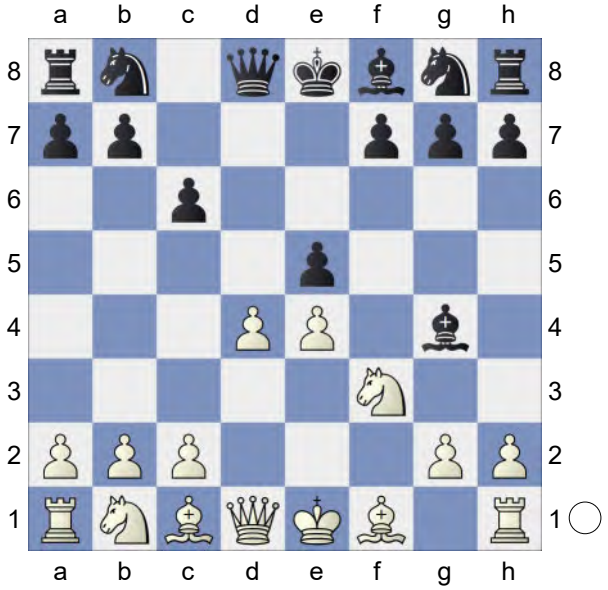
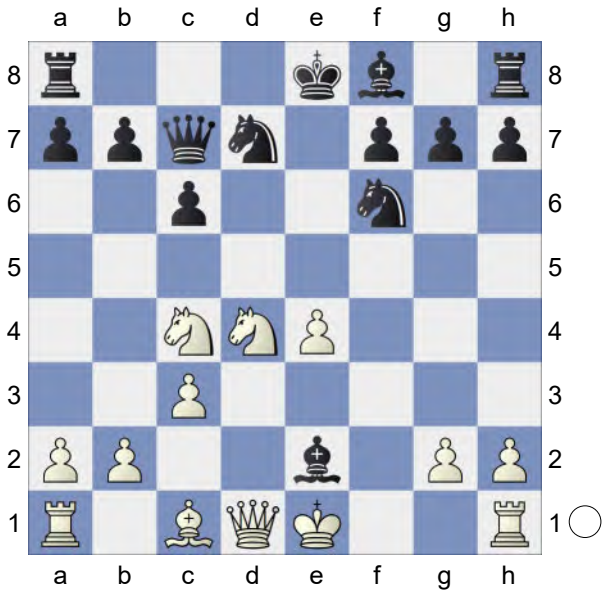
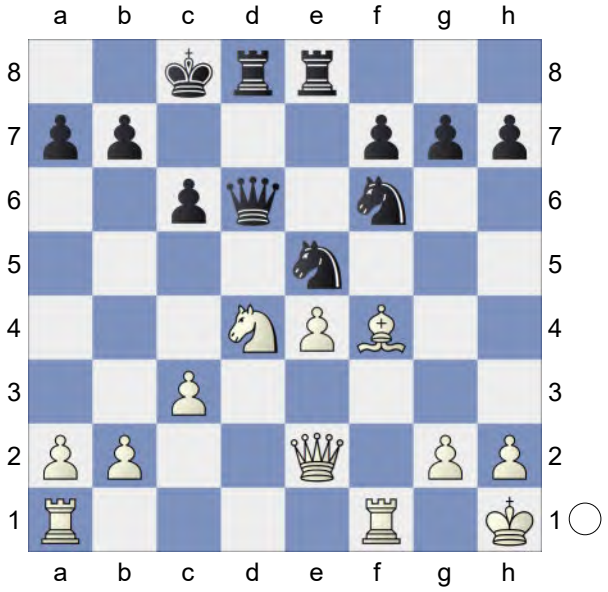


6.c3 Nd7 7.Be2 Ngf6 8.Nbd2
The position is equal. **8...Qc7**
[8...Bd6 9.Nc4 Qe7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Bxf3 12.gxf3 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Nh5 15.Ne3 Qf6 16.Nf5 Rad8 17.Qb3 b6 18.Rad1 Bb8 19.a4 Ng7 20.Ne3 Nh5 21.d5 Nf4 22.Bc4 Nc5 23.Qc2 1-0 (60) 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2702)-Kockelkorn/ Lehmann/Wemmets (2416) FIDE World CH 1996 (4)]
9.Nc4N
[9.0-0 Bd6 10.Nc4 0-0-0 11.Nxd6+ Qxd6 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bf4 Rhe8 14.Bxe5 Rxe5 15.Bxg4+ Kb8 16.Bf3 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3... dxe4 / 6.c3: 6...Nf6 #8]
9...exd4 10.Nxd4 Bxe2



11.Qxe2 0-0-0 1.10/21
[11...Nb6⩲ 0.59/20]
12.0-0± White is more active. **12...Ne5**
13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.Kh1 1.12/20
[⌓15.Nf5 1.58/21 Qc5+ 16.Kh1]
15...Rhe8



16.Nf5 Qd3 2.31/20
[⌓16...Qf8 1.70/20]
17.Qf2? 0.06/21
[17.Qxd3+- 2.31/20 Nxd3 18.Nxg7 *(18.Nd6+ Rxd6 19.Bxd6 Nxe4⩲)*]
17...Nxe4 1.52/22

[17...g5!= 0.06/21 18.Bxg5 Nxe4 19.Ne7+ Rxe7 20.Qf5+ Red7 *(20...Re6? 21.Bxd8 Nd6 22.Qxd3+-)*]

18.Qxa7 f6 19.Nd4? 0.01/21

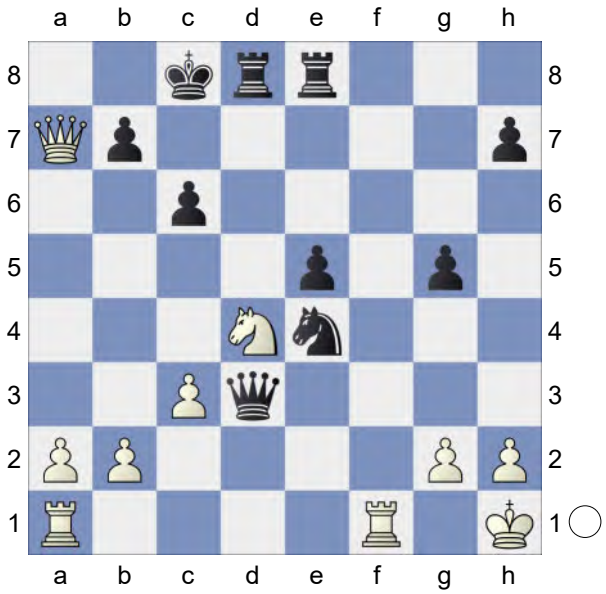
[19.Nxg7+- 1.65/22 Re7 20.Nf5]

19...g5= 20.Bxe5 -0.48/22

[20.Bg3= 0.01/20 is more appropriate.]

20...fxe5 0.60/22

[Black should play 20...Rxe5∓ -0.48/22 21.Qa4 Rdd5]



21.Rf7! 1.11/21 **Qa6± 22.Qxa6** Remove Defender

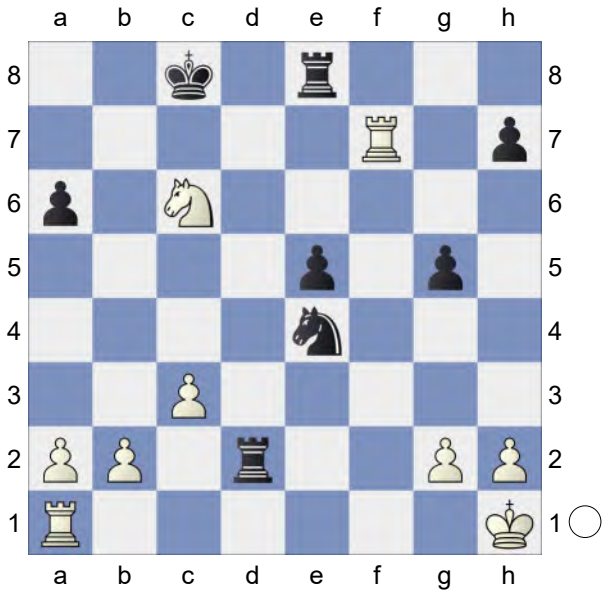
[22.Nxc6!? Qxa7 23.Nxa7+ Kb8 24.Nb5±]

22...bxa6 23.Nxc6 Rd2 24.Na7+ 0.01/20

[24.c4± 0.43/20]

24...Kb8= 25.Nc6+ Kc8

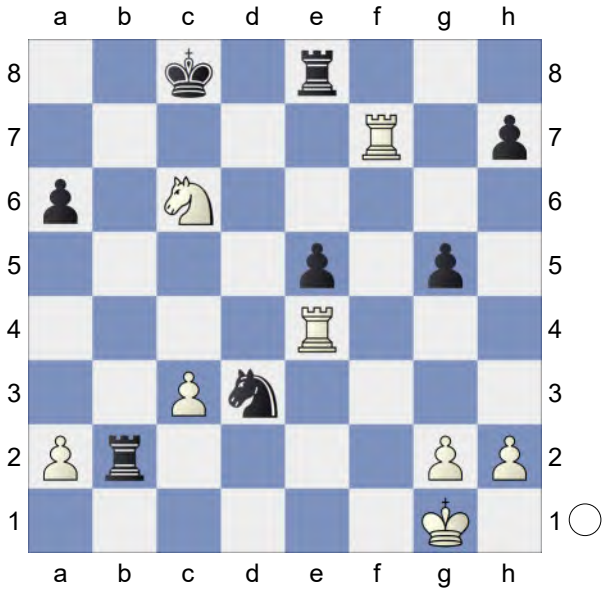
(Diagram)



26.Re1 h3 is the strong threat. **26...Nf2+ 27.Kg1 Nd3 28.Na7+ Kb8 29.Nc6+ Kc8 30.Re4 Rxb2** 0.70/21

[30...Rd1+ 31.Rf1 Nxb2 32.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Nd1 34.Nf7 hangs the rook e4]

[30...Re6= 0.20/24 31.Nb4 Nxb2 *(31...Rd1+ 32.Rf1±)*]



31.g3 0.12/23

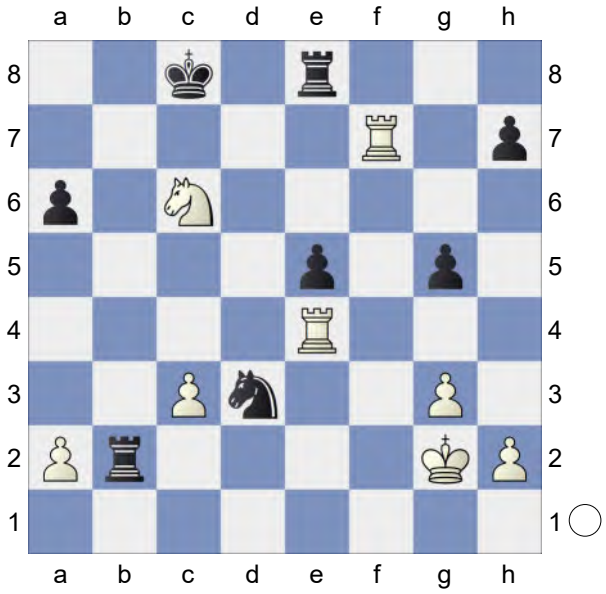
[31.Rxh7? Rb1+]

[31.h4± 0.70/21 Rb7 32.Rxb7 Kxb7 33.Na5+ Kc7 34.Re3 *(34.hxg5*

Rg8±)]

31...Rb1+ 32.Kg2 Rb2+ 0.79/24

[32...Rb7= 0.16/23 33.Rxb7 Kxb7]



33.Kf1!± And now Rc4 would win.

33...Rb1+? 4.61/24

[33...Rb7± 0.63/20 34.Rxb7 Kxb7 35.Na5+ Kc7]

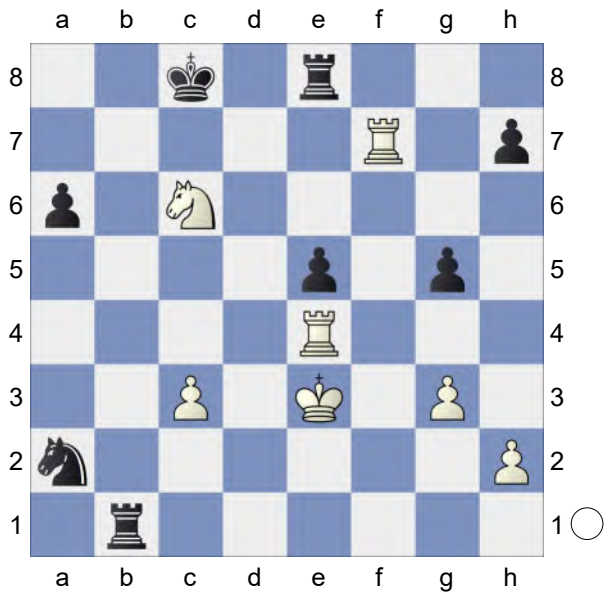
34.Ke2+- Nc1+ 35.Ke3? 1.42/21

[35.Kd2+- 4.04/23 Nxa2 36.Rc4 *(36.Nxe5 Rb2+ 37.Kd3 Nc1+ 38.Kc4 Nb3=)* 36...Rb2+ 37.Ke3]

35...Nxa2? 5.19/22

[35...Rb2± 1.42/21 is tougher. 36.Rb4 *(36.Rxe5 Rxe5+ 37.Nxe5 Rxh2=)* 36...Rxb4 37.Nxb4 *(37.cxb4 Nxa2 38.Ke4 Nc3+ 39.Kd3 Nb1±)* 37...a5]

(Diagram)



36.Na7+? 1.12/23

[36.Nxe5? Re1+ *(36...Nxc3 37.Rc4+ Kb8 38.Rxc3=)* 37.Kf3 Rxe5-+]

[36.Rc4+- 5.19/22 Re1+ 37.Kd2]

36...Kb8± 37.Nc6+ 0.01/5

[37.Rxh7?! Re1+ *(37...Nxc3 38.Nc6+ Kc8 39.Rc4+-)* 38.Kf3 Rf8+ 39.Kg2 Rxe4=]

[37.Kd3± 1.08/21]

37...Kc8= 38.Rc4 aiming for Nb4+.

[38.Nxe5? Re1+ *(38...Nxc3 39.Rc4+ Kb8 40.Rxc3=)* 39.Kf3 Rxe5-+]

[38.Rxe5 Re1+ *(38...Rxe5+ 39.Nxe5 Re1+ 40.Kd4=)* 39.Kd4 R8xe5 40.Nxe5 Nxc3±]

38...e4 11.86/24

[⌓38...Rb6 4.84/22 39.Nb4+ Discovered Attack (Check) *(39.Nxe5+ Kb8±; 39.Rxh7 g4+-)* 39...Kb8 40.Nxa2 Rc8]

39.Na7+? 1.08/5

[39.Rxe4? Re1+ 40.Kd2 R8xe4-+ *(40...R1xe4 41.Na7+ Kd8 42.Nc6+ Kc8 43.Na7+ Kd8 44.Nc6+ Kc8=)*]

[39.Nb4++- 11.86/24 has better winning chances. Kd8 40.Rd4+

(40.Nxa2 Re6+-) 40...Kc8 41.Nxa6 *(41.Nxa2 a5+-)*]

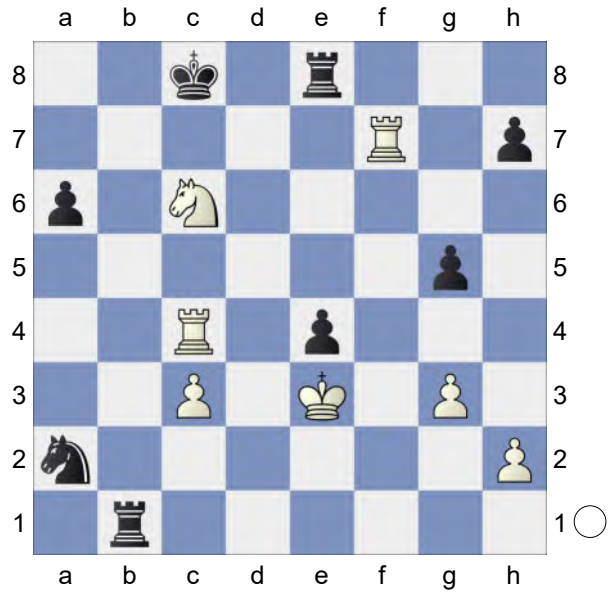
39...Kb8± 40.Nc6+? -0.01/5

[40.Rxe4? Re1+ 41.Kd2 R8xe4-+ *(41...R1xe4 42.Nc6+ Kc8 43.Na7+ Kb8 44.Nc6+ Kc8 45.Na7+ Kd8 46.Nc6+ Kc8=)*]

[40.Rxh7 Rb7 41.Nc6+ Ka8 42.Rxb7 Kxb7±]

[White has to play 40.Rcc7+- 6.04/22 Nc6+ would kill now. Rb6 41.Nc6+ *(41.Rxh7 Rh8±)* 41...Rxc6 42.Rxc6]

40...Kc8=



41.Ne5+? 1.26/5

[41.Rxe4? Re1+ 42.Kd2 R8xe4-+ *(42...R1xe4 43.Na7+ Kd8 44.Nc6+ Kc8 45.Na7+ Kb8 46.Nc6+ Kc8=)*]

[41.Nb4++- 12.02/23 and the rest is easy. Kd8 42.Rd4+ *(42.Nxa2 Re7+-)* 42...Kc8 43.Nxa6 *(43.Nxa2 a5+-)*]

41...Kb8±

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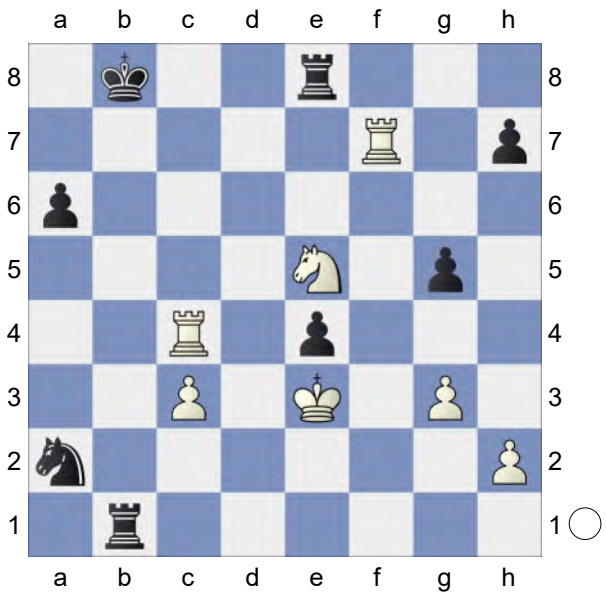


42.Nd7+

[42.Rxe4 Re1+ 43.Kf2 Rxe4=]

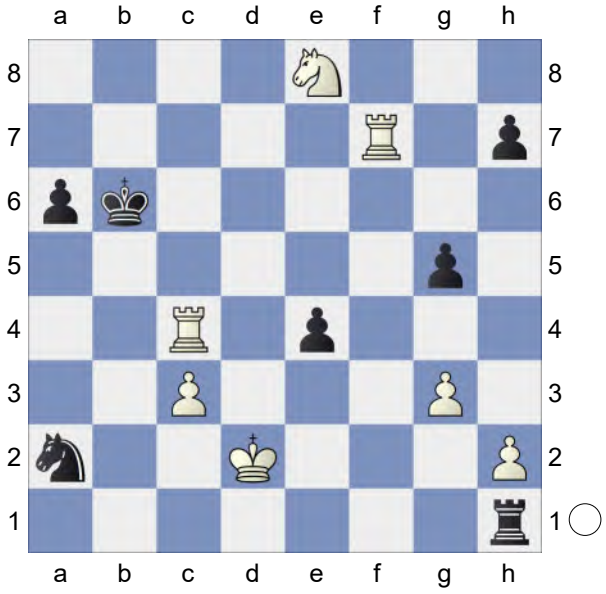
[42.Nc6+ Kc8+-]

42...Kb7? 10.46/23

[42...Ka8 2.44/22 43.Rc6 *(43.Rxe4?* too greedy. *Re1+* Skewer *44.Kd2 R8xe4-+)* 43...Nxc3 44.Rxc3 Rb7]

43.Nf6++- Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack **43...Kb6 44.Nxe8 Re1+ 45.Kd2** Threatening mate with Rf6+.

45...Rh1



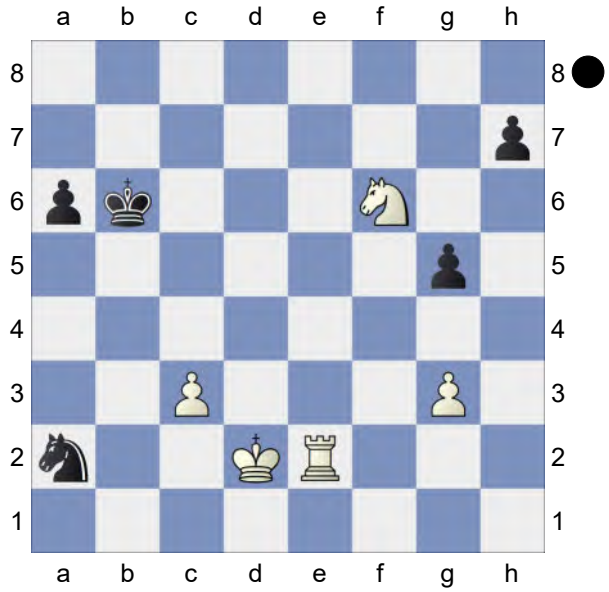
46.Rxe4 9.57/21

[⌓46.Rf6+ #11/21 Kb5 47.Nd6+

(47.Rxe4 Rxh2+ 48.Ke3 Re2+ Decoy *49.Kxe2 Nxc3+ 50.Kd3 Nxe4+-)* 47...Kb6 48.Nxe4+ *(48.Rxe4 Rxh2+ 49.Kd3 Re2+-)* 48...Kb7 49.Nc5+ *(49.Nxg5 Rxh2+ 50.Ke3 Nxc3+-)* 49...Kc8 50.Nxa6+ *(50.Rxa6 Rxh2+ 51.Ke3 Rh1+-)* 50...Kd8 51.Rc7]

46...Rxh2+ White is clearly winning.

47.Re2 Rh6 48.Rf6+ Rxf6 49.Nxf6



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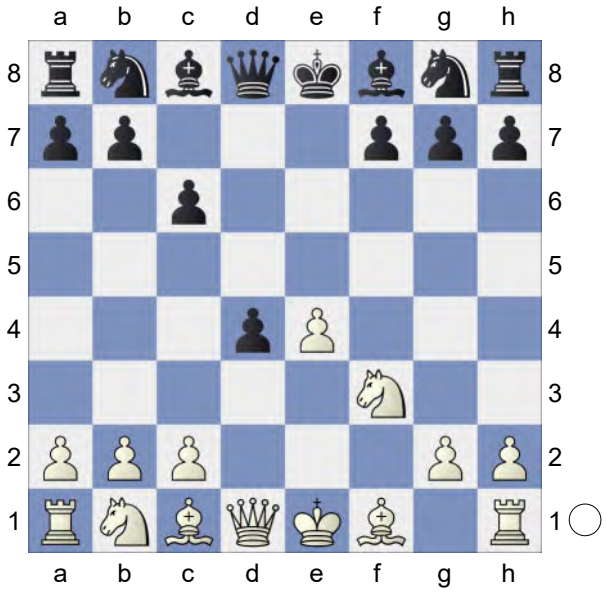
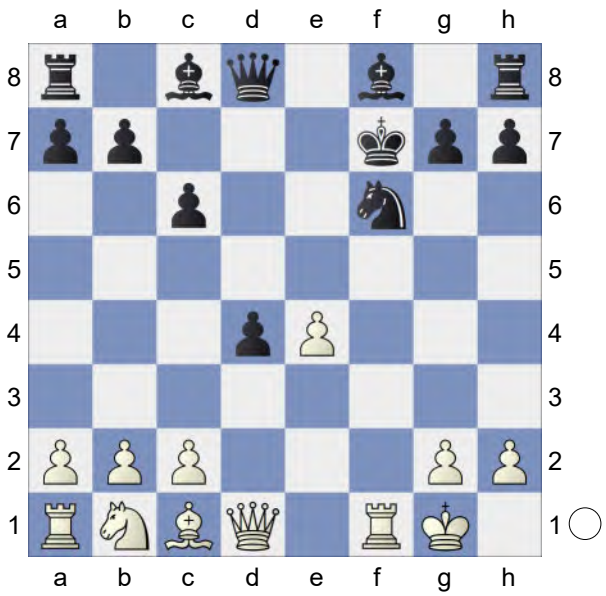
11 **B12**
□ **Bettercollsoul** **2845**
■ **Soham0705** **2730**
Blitz 21.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4

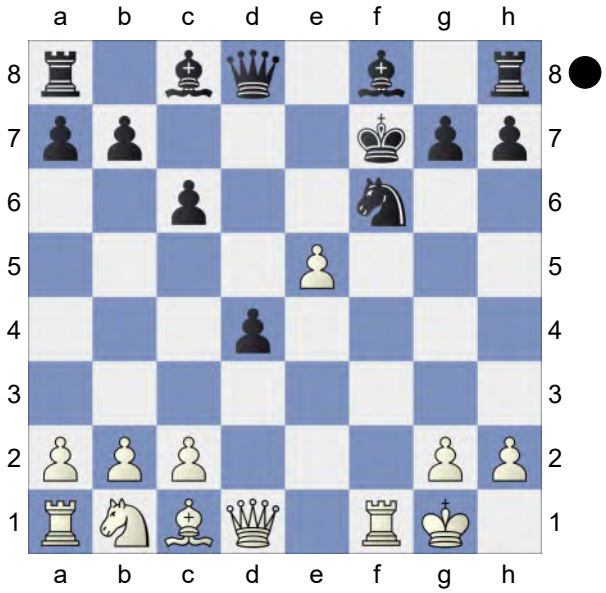


6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng5N -0.91/19
[8.Qe1= 0.27/15 Qc7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ng5 Bc5 11.Bxd5 cxd5 12.Bf4 0-0 13.e6 Qb6 14.exf7+ Kh8 15.Nxh7 d3+ 16.Kh1 Rxf7 17.Ng5 Rf5 18.Nd2 Nf8 19.g4 Rxg5 20.Bxg5 1-0 9.♕f3 e6 10.b3 (2320)-Martins,E (2354) USSR 33/668 1982]
[8.e5 Nd5 9.Bxd5 cxd5 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.Nb3 0-0 12.Nbxd4 Nc5 13.Be3 3...♗g4-N,N Survey 1995]
8...Ne5∓ Black is better. **9.Bxf7+** -1.06/17 **Nxf7 10.Nxf7 Kxf7**

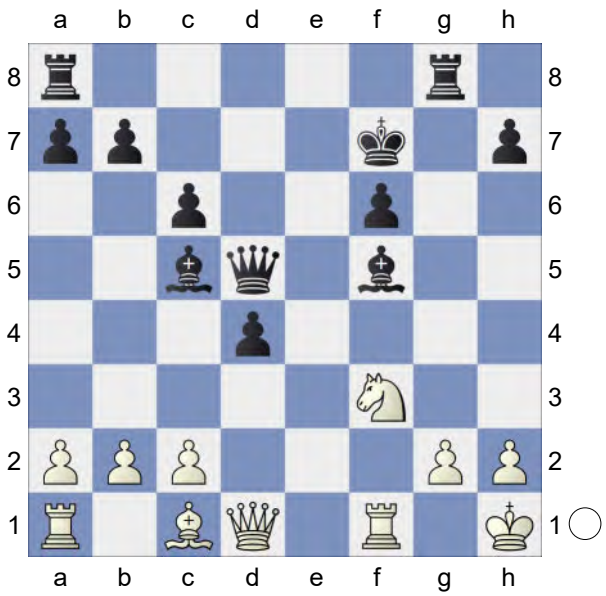
(Diagram)



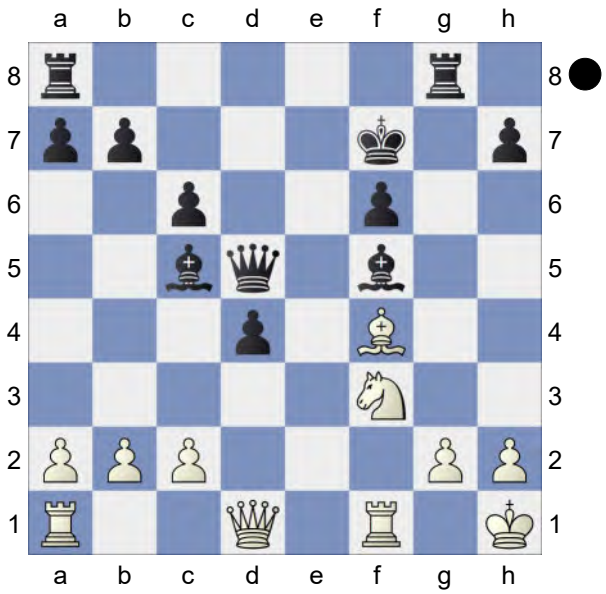
11.e5



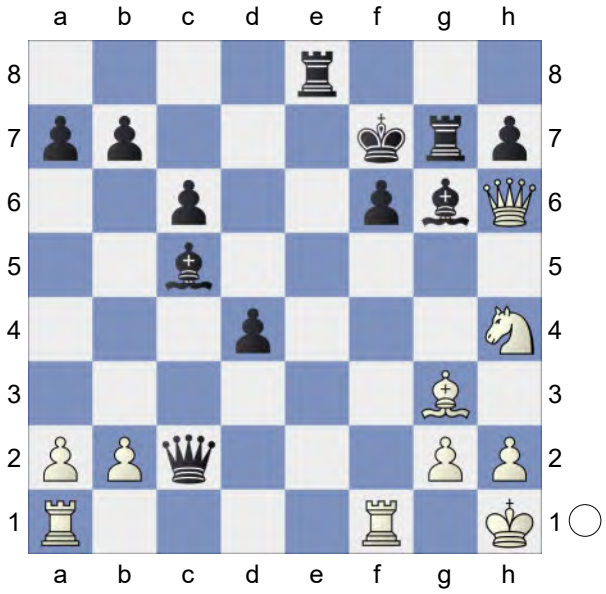
Wards off Bd6. Pin **11...Qd5!** -0.92/19
12.exf6 gxf6 ...Rg8 is the strong threat.
13.Nd2 -1.32/17
[13.c4!∓ -0.70/20 Qe4 *(13...Qxc4 14.Bg5±)* 14.Nd2 Qe3+ 15.Kh1]
13...Rg8 14.Nf3 -1.81/19
[14.Qf3∓ -1.24/21 was necessary. Be6 *(14...Qxf3 15.Nxf3 Bf5 16.Nxd4∓)* 15.Qxf6+ Ke8 16.Nf3]
14...Bc5 -1.40/19
[14...Bh3-+ -1.81/19 15.Rf2 Bg4]
15.Kh1 Bf5



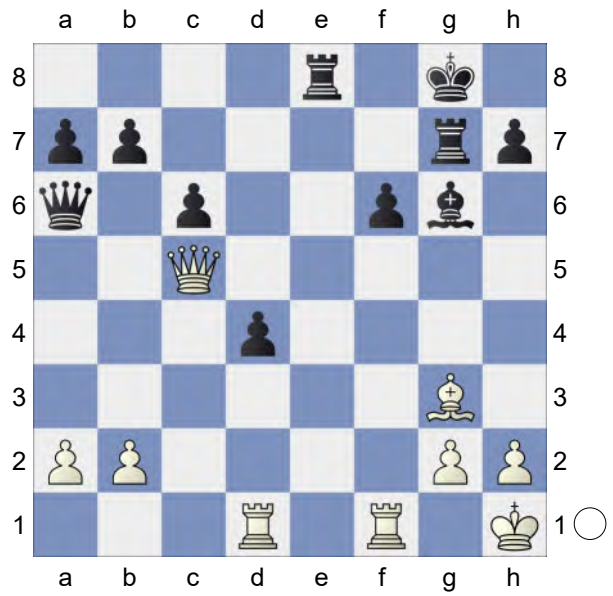
16.Bf4 -1.85/20
[16.b4∓ -1.29/17 was called for. Bxb4 17.Qxd4 Qxd4 18.Nxd4]



16...Rae8 -1.26/19
[16...d3!-+ -1.85/20 17.c4 Qd7 *(17...Qxc4 18.Bg3∓)*]
17.Qd2 Qc4 -0.46/20 White is weak on the light squares
[17...d3∓ -1.23/17 18.cxd3 Bxd3 *(18...Qxd3? 19.Qc1-+)*]
18.Bg3!∓ Qxc2 0.01/20
[18...Re3∓ -0.55/19 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Qxd4 Bxd4 21.Rxf5 Ke6 *(21...Bxb2 22.Rb1∓)*]
19.Qh6= Rg7? 3.43/21
[19...Qxb2? 20.Qh5+ Bg6 21.Qxc5+-]
[19...Bf8= -0.08/20 and Black stays safe. 20.Qh5+ Bg6]
20.Nh4? -0.02/20
[20.Rac1+- 3.43/21 Qe2 *(20...Qd3? 21.Qh5+ Bg6 22.Qxc5+-)* 21.Qh5+ Bg6 22.Qxc5]
20...Bg6
[20...Qxb2? 21.Nxf5 Rxg3 22.Nxg3+- *(22.Qxh7+ Ke6+-)*]



21.Rac1! Chess con chili. **21...Qd3**
22.Nf5 -0.73/20
[22.Qf4!= -0.01/21 Be7 23.Rcd1]
22...Bxf5∓ 23.Qh5+ Bg6 24.Qxc5 Kg8 -0.21/20
[24...Re2∓ -0.92/21 ...Be4 would now be deadly. 25.Rfe1 Kg8 *(25...Rxb2 26.Qe7+ Kg8 27.Qd8+ Kf7 28.Qe8#)* 26.Rxe2 Qxe2 27.Qxd4 Be4 28.Qc4+ Qxc4 29.Rxc4 Re7]
25.Rcd1!= Qa6 0.19/20
[⌓25...Qe4 -0.19/19]



26.Qxd4
[26.Rxf6 keeps more tension. Qxa2 27.Rdf1 Rf7 28.Rxf7 Bxf7 29.Qxd4 Qc4 30.Qf6]
26...Qxa2 27.Qxf6 Strongly threatening Be5. **27...Rf7↑** Black fights for an advantage. **28.Qh4** -0.69/22
[28.Qd4= -0.01/21]
28...Rxf1+ -0.02/5
[28...Qxb2∓ -0.69/22 29.Rxf7 Bxf7 30.Qg4+ Qg7 31.Qxg7+ Kxg7]
29.Rxf1 Qd5
[29...Qxb2? too greedy. 30.Qc4+ Kg7 31.Be1 Rxe1 32.Rxe1+-]
30.Qh6 -0.40/19
[30.h3= 0.07/19 should be considered.]
30...Qd3 0.01/21
[30...Be4∓ -0.40/19 31.Qh3 h5]

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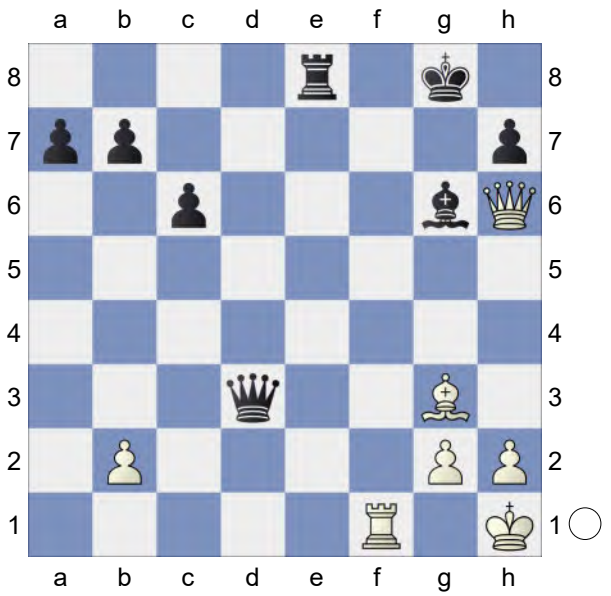

31.Rg1 -0.42/18
[31.Qf4= 0.01/21 is more appropriate.]
31...a5 32.Bf4 -1.03/19
[32.Qf4= -0.24/20]
32...a4 -0.49/21
[32...b5∓ -1.03/19 33.Bc7 a4]
33.Bg5 -1.31/23
[33.Bd2!∓ -0.49/21]
33...Qf5 -0.71/21
[⌓33...Qd4 -1.31/23 34.Bc1 b5]
34.Bd2∓ Qh5 Hoping for ...Qxh6.
35.Qf4 Qf5 0.10/23
[35...Be4∓ -0.52/21]

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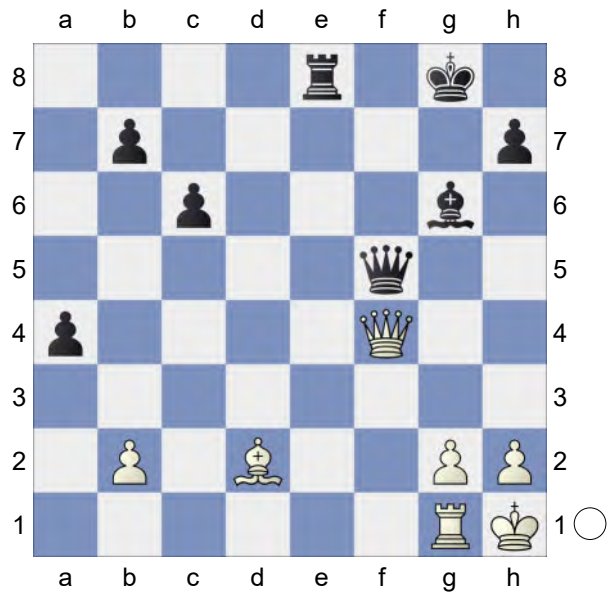
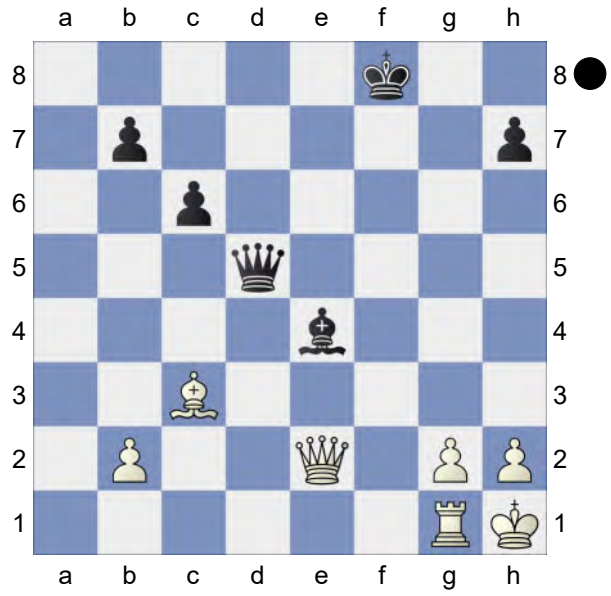


36.Qxa4= Qd5 37.Bc3 Re2? 2.49/20
[Black should play 37...Be4± 0.38/19]
38.Qf4 1.28/22
[Better is 38.Qa8++- 2.49/20 Re8 39.Qxb7]
38...Be4? 12.73/21
[38...Rxg2± 1.28/22 39.Rxg2 *(39.Qb8+ Kf7=)* 39...Qd1+ 40.Be1 *(40.Rg1 Qd5+ 41.Rg2 Qd1++-)* 40...Qxe1+ 41.Rg1 Qe7]
39.Qg4++- Kf8 40.Qxe2



White used his chance.
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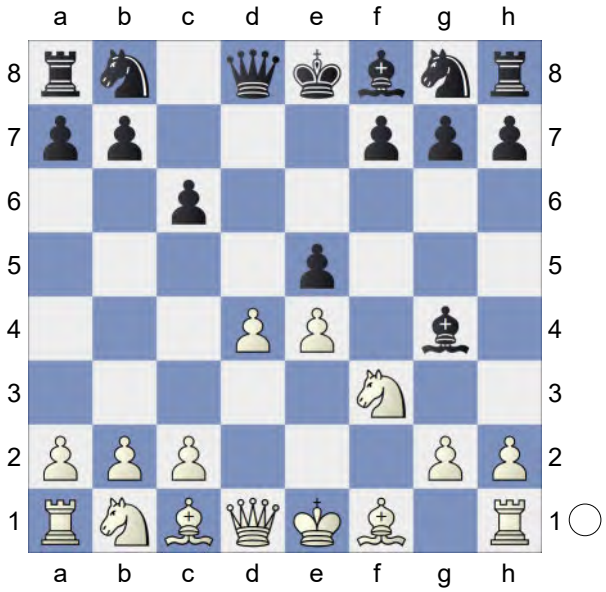
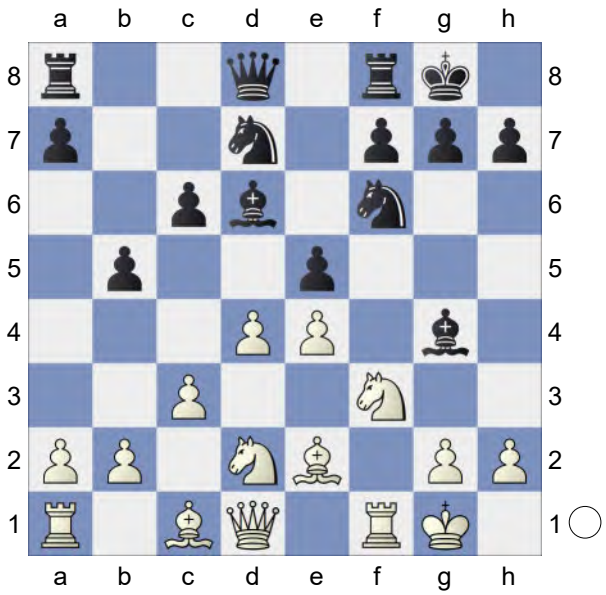
12 **B12**
□ **Bettercollsoul** **2863**
■ **Setup Sekar** **2717**
Blitz 16.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

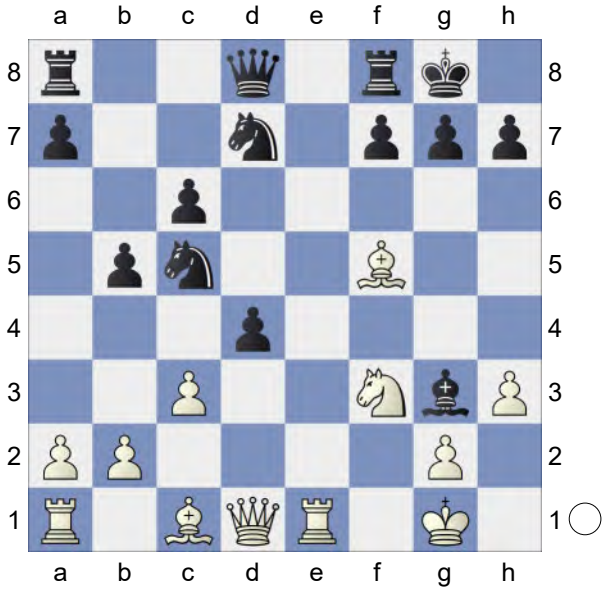
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 Strongly threatening Bxf7+!
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Bxf7+ *(8.Qxf3 Nxe5 9.Qe2 Nxc4∓)* 8...Kxf7∓]
7...Ngf6 8.c3 Bd6 9.Nbd2N
The position is equal.
[9.Bg5 h6 *(9...Qb6 10.Nbd2 h6* Caro Kann-Fantasy Variation F3 1 e4 ... ChessPub Guide 2024*)* 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Qe7 12.Nbd2 0-0-0 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qe1 Rhe8 15.b4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Bg6 *(16...Bxg3 17.Qxg3 Bg6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Ba6#* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6. Bc4: 6...Nd7 #14*)* 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxf5 Ne5 20.Bb3 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6. Bc4: 6...Nd7 #15]
[9.Qb3 0-0 10.Qxb7 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Nxe4 Caro Kann-Fantasy Variation F3 1 e4 ... ChessPub Guide 2020]
9...b5 10.Be2 0-0

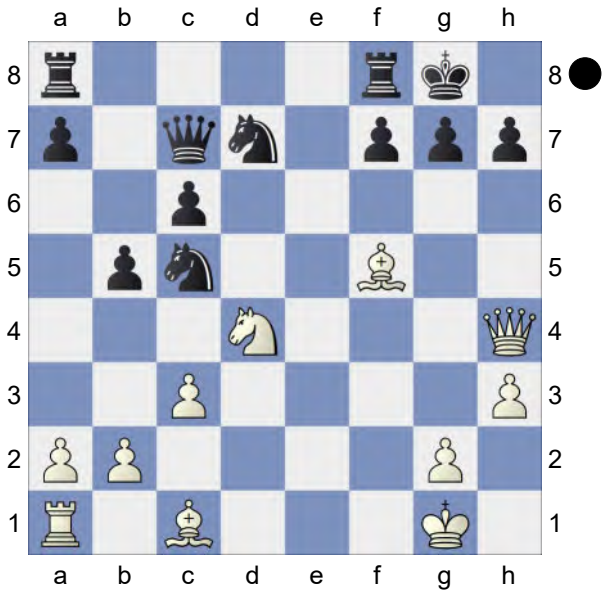


11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bd3 Nec5 15.Bf5 Bg3

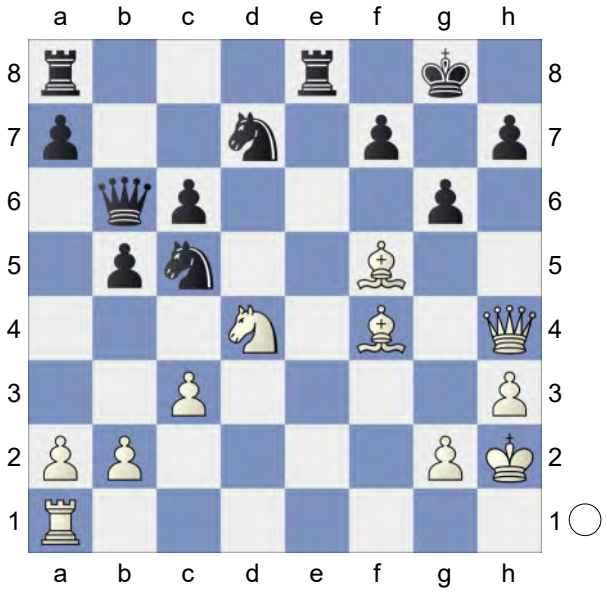


16.Nxd4 -1.79/18
[Better is 16.cxd4∓ -0.55/19 Qf6 *(16...Bxe1 17.dxc5 Bg3 18.Bxd7∓)* 17.Qc2]
16...Bxe1-+ 17.Qxe1 Qc7? -0.20/21
[17...Re8-+ -1.98/19 18.Qf1 Qf6]

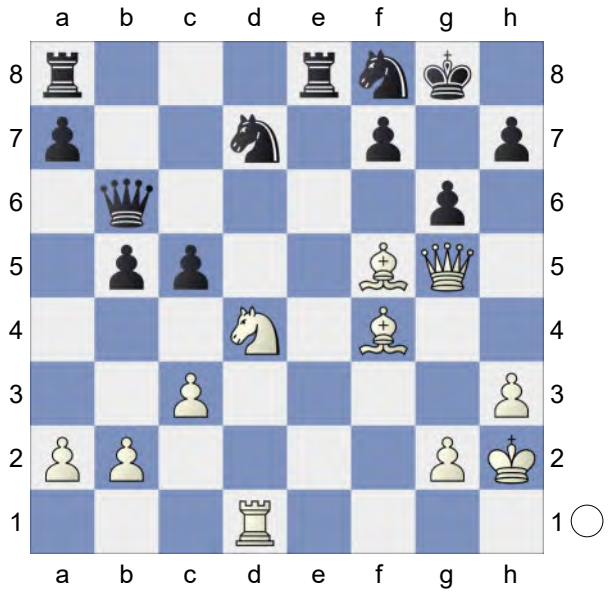
18.Qh4=



g6! 19.Bf4 Qb6 20.Kh2 Rfe8 -0.31/20
[20...gxf5 21.Re1 Ne6 22.Qg3+ Kh8 23.Rxe6 fxe6 24.Nxe6=]
[20...Rae8 -0.68/18 feels stronger. 21.Bh6 Qc7+ 22.Kg1 Qd8 23.Qxd8 Rxd8 24.Bxf8 Nxf8 25.Nxc6 Rd6 26.Ne7+ Kh8]

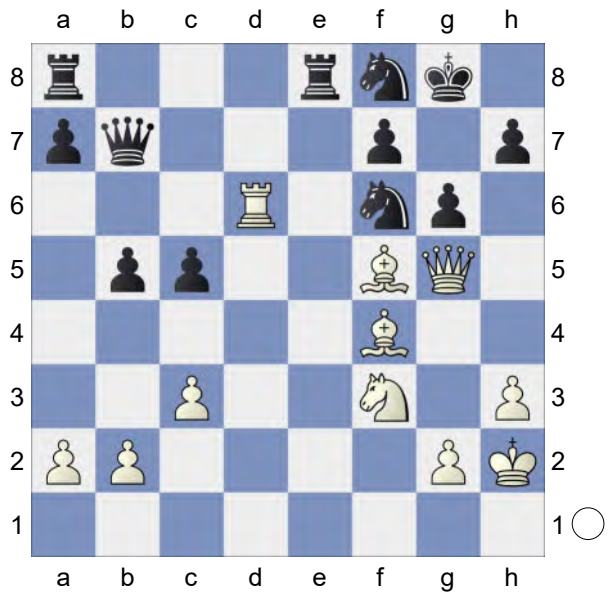


21.Rd1 -1.37/20 **Nf8∓**
[21...gxf5 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Bd6+ *(23.Qxf5 Re4±; 23.Qxf5 Re4+-)*]
22.Qf6 -1.82/20
[22.Bg3∓ -1.38/19]
22...Ncd7-+
[22...gxf5 23.Nxf5 *(23.Qxc6? Qxc6 24.Nxc6 Ng6-+)* 23...Nfe6 24.Nh6+ Kf8 25.Qxf7#]
23.Qg5 c5? -0.01/22
[23...Qc5-+ -1.75/20 And now ...Qd5 would win. 24.Rd2 a5]

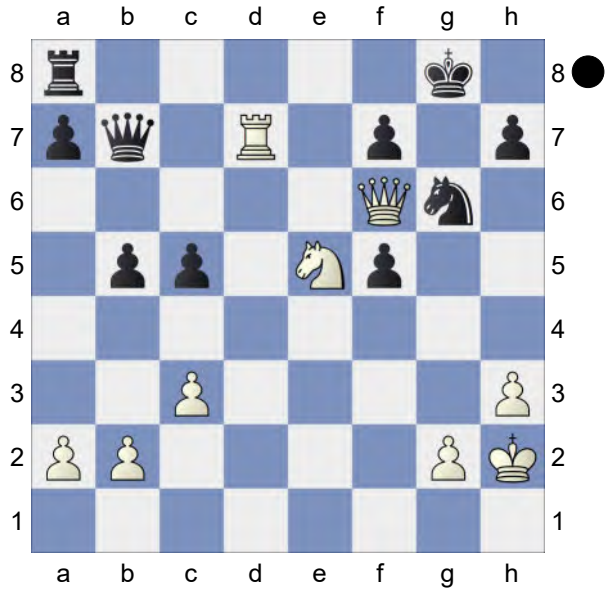


24.Nf3? -2.15/17
[24.Bxd7!= -0.01/22 h6 *(24...Nxd7 25.Nf5=)* 25.Qg3 Nxd7 26.Nf5]
24...Nf6? 1.30/20
[Black should play 24...Qb7-+ -2.15/17 Threatens to win with ...Re2. 25.b4 Re2 26.Bxd7 Nxd7 *(26...Qxf3 27.Bxb5 Rxa2* Discovered Attack *28.Bc4-+)*]
25.Rd6± White is much more active.
25...Qb7

(Diagram)



26.Qxf6→ White has strong attack. Black is weak on the dark squares
26...gxf5 27.Be5! Rxe5 28.Nxe5 Ng6? 9.77/23
[28...Qc7 1.75/22]
29.Rd7
[Not 29.Qxf5 Qxg2+ Decoy 30.Kxg2 Nh4+ 31.Kf2 Nxf5±]



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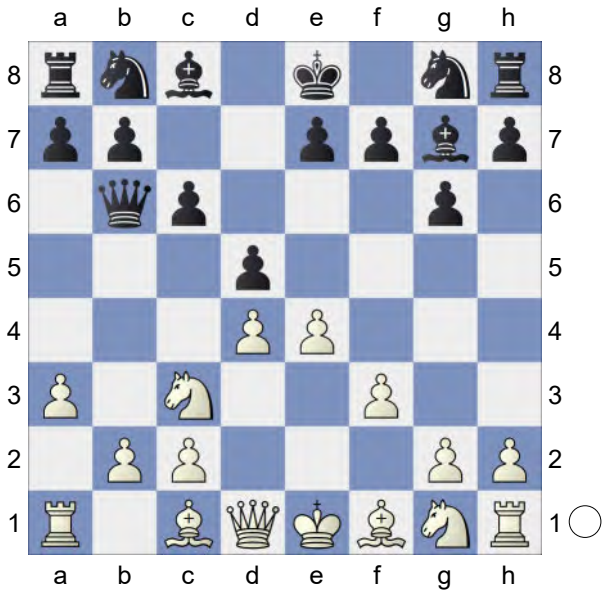
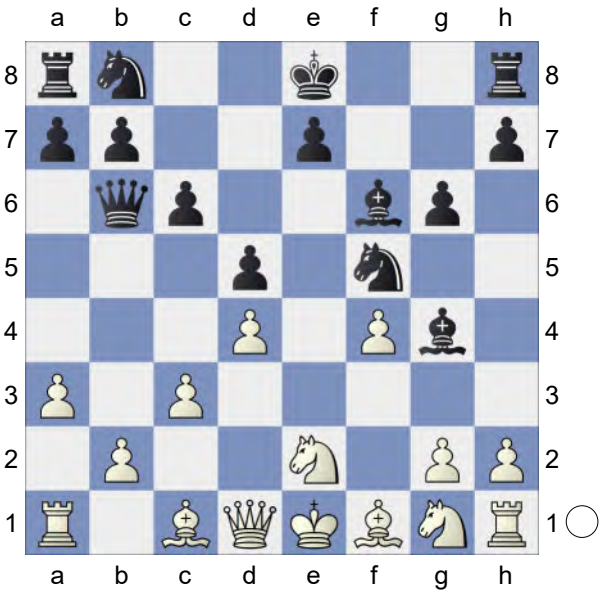
13 **B12**
□ **Sindarovgm** **2840**
■ **Arka50** **2855**
Blitz 10.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

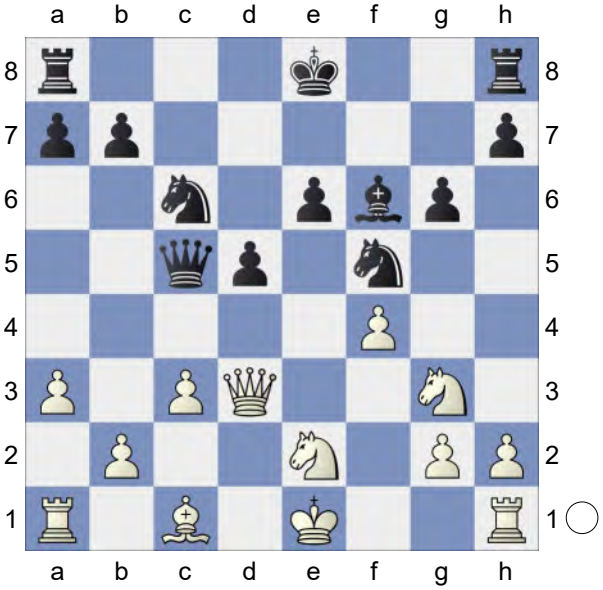
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 g6N
[4...dxe4 5.fxe4 e5 6.Nf3 exd4 7.Nxd4 *(7.Qxd4 Be6 8.Bf4 Ne7 9.Bd6 Ng6 10.Bxf8 Rxf8 11.0-0-0 Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 Nbd7 15.Be2 0-0-0 16.g4 Kc7 17.g5 Rh8 18.h4 h6 19.Ne4 hxg5 20.hxg5 Nb6 21.Rxh8 Rxh8* (50) Yoo,C (2563)-Xiong,J (2690) USA (ch) 154/(42) 2022*)* 7...Bc5 *(7...Bb4 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nf6 10.e5 Ng4 11.Bc4 Nxe5 12.Bxf7+ Nxf7 13.Qe2+* Caro Kann Fantasy Rare-Rare 3rds: 3...Qb6 #6*)* 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 Be7 10.Bc4 Nf6 11.b4 Qc7 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Bh6 Caro Kann Fantasy Rare-Rare 3rds: 3...Qb6 #13]
5.a3 Bg7



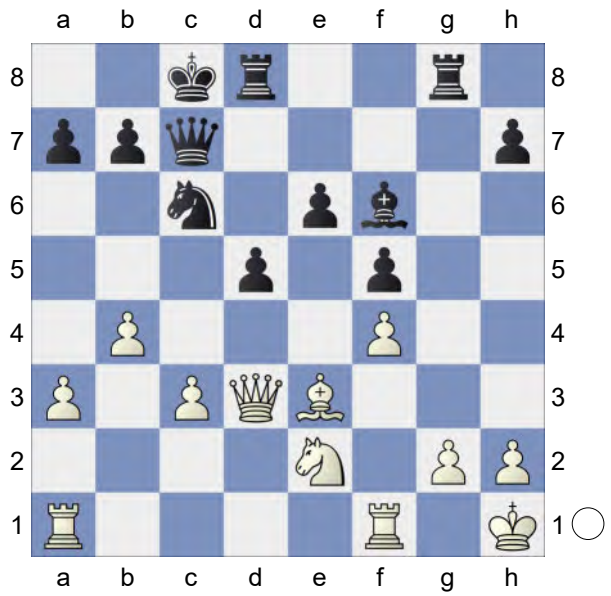
6.e5 f6 7.f4 Nh6 8.exf6 -0.33/18
[8.Be2± 0.35/17]
8...Bxf6∓ 9.Nce2 Bg4 10.c3 Nf5



11.Qd3 c5 12.dxc5! Qxc5 13.Ng3 -0.94/20
[13.h3= -0.14/20 Bxe2 14.Nxe2]
13...Nc6∓ Black has more active pieces.
14.Be2 Bxe2 -0.39/20
[Black should play 14...Nxg3∓ -1.11/19 15.hxg3 Bf5]
15.N1xe2∓ e6



16.Nxf5 gxf5 17.Be3 Qe7 0.58/17
[17...Qc4= 0.10/20 is more appropriate. 18.Qxc4 dxc4]
18.0-0 0-0-0 19.Kh1 Rhg8 20.b4 Qc7



21.a4 Kb8 22.a5 -0.21/20
[22.Rad1± 0.42/17]
22...Ne7 1.13/20
[22...Nxb4= -0.21/20 remains equal. 23.Qd2 *(23.cxb4? Qg7-+)* 23...Nc6]
23.b5 0.48/21
[23.Bd4± 1.13/20 Bxd4 24.Nxd4]
23...Qc4± 24.Qd2 0.15/19
[24.Rad1± 0.52/22 was preferrable.]
24...Rc8 0.87/20
[24...Bxc3!= 0.15/19 keeps the balance. 25.Bxa7+ *(25.Qxc3 Qxe2 26.Bxa7+ Kxa7±; 25.Nxc3 d4=)* 25...Kxa7 26.Nxc3 d4]
25.Bd4 Rg6 1.23/23
[25...Bxd4± 0.63/22 26.Nxd4 Qxc3 27.Qxc3 Rxc3]

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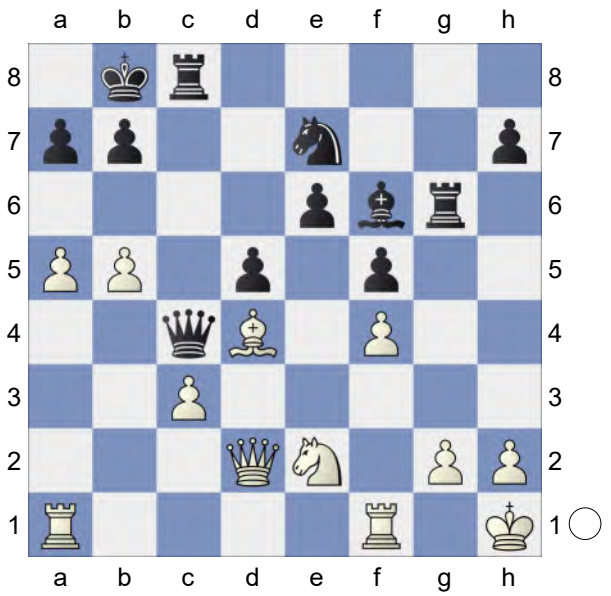

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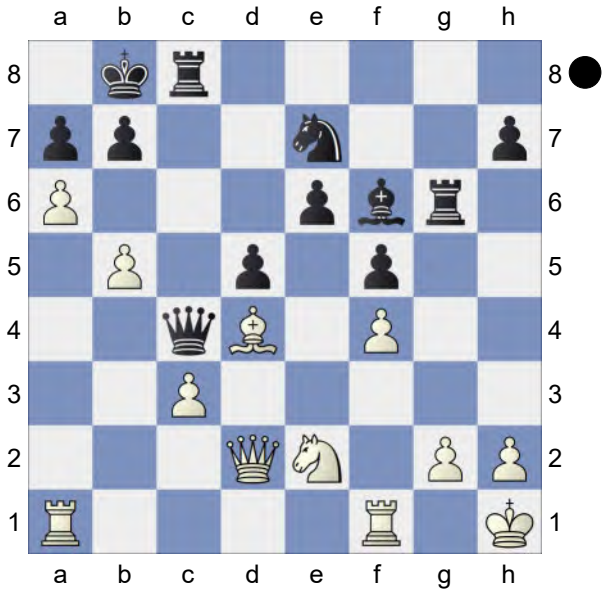
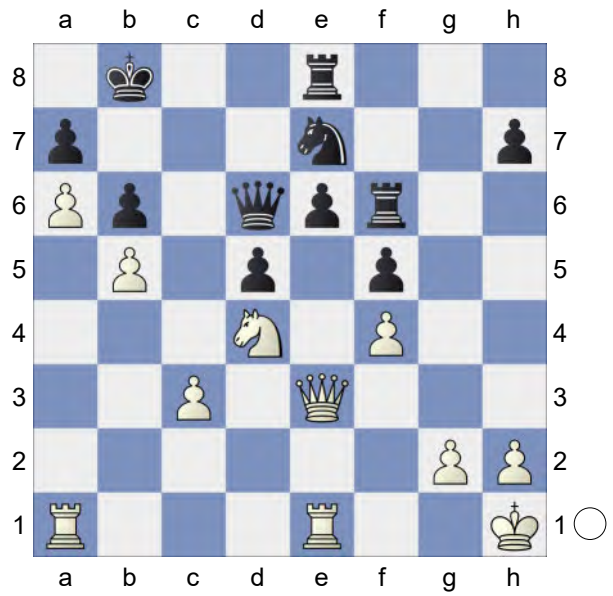


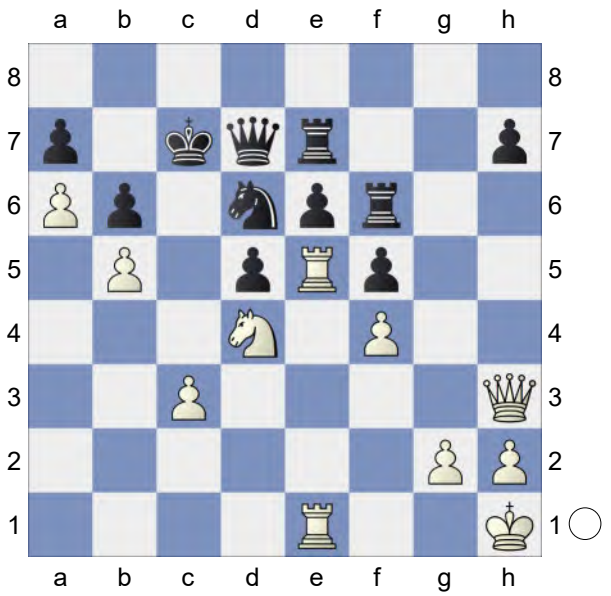
aiming for axb7. **26...b6 27.Qe3 Qc7** 2.01/20
[27...Bxd4± 1.42/23 was worth a try. 28.Nxd4 Qxc3 29.Qxc3 Rxc3]
28.Bxf6+-
[28.Qxe6? Bxd4-+]
28...Rxf6 29.Nd4 Qd6 30.Rfe1 Re8

(Diagram)

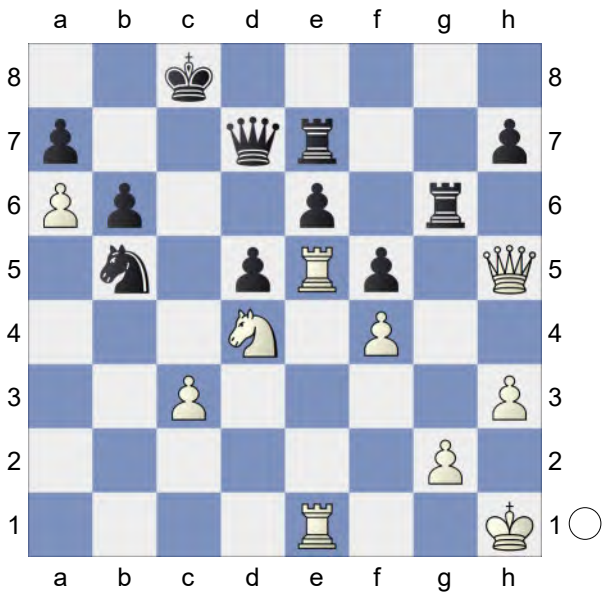


31.Re2
[31.Nxe6? Nc8 32.Qh3 Rfxe6-+ *(32...Rexe6? 33.Rxe6 Qxe6 34.Qxh7-+)*]
31...Kc7? 4.46/21
[31...Kc8 1.99/20 32.Rc2 *(32.Nxe6? Ng6-+)* 32...Kd7]
32.Rae1? 1.44/19
[32.Nxe6++- 4.46/21 is the precise move to win. Kd7 33.Rae1]
32...Nc8? 4.56/23
[32...Ng6± 1.44/19 is tougher. 33.c4 dxc4]
33.Qf3 Re7 34.Re5 Qd7? 6.60/22
[34...Qa3 3.16/19 35.Qe3 *(35.Rxe6? Rfxe6 36.Nxe6+ Rxe6-+)* 35...Nd6 36.Nxe6+ *(36.Rxe6 Rfxe6 37.Nxe6+ Kc8+-)* 36...Kb8]
35.Qh3? 2.19/20
[35.c4 6.60/22]
35...Nd6

(Diagram)



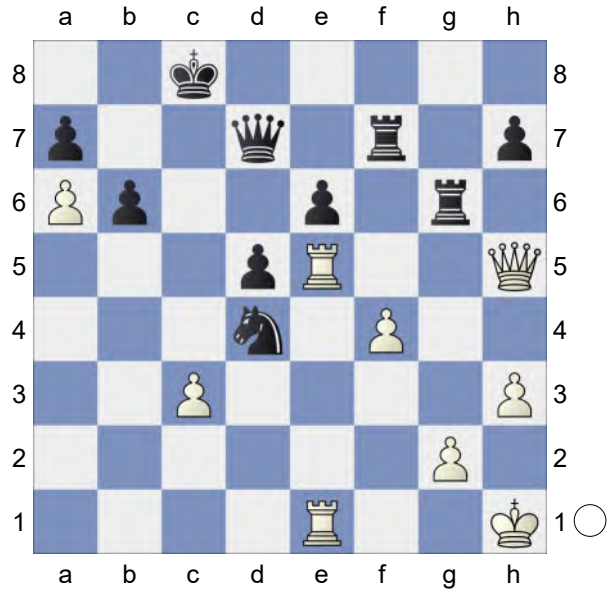
36.Qh4 Rg6 37.h3 1.11/20
[37.Nxf5+- 2.28/21 is more deadly. Nxf5 38.Rxf5 Pin]
37...Kc8? 3.56/20
[37...Re8± 1.11/20 38.Kh2 Ne4]
38.Qh5? 0.01/21
[38.Rxd5 Reg7 39.Rde5 Rxg2±]
[38.g4+- 3.56/20 Reg7 39.Nxe6 *(39.Rxe6 Ne4+-)*]
38...Nxb5 1.38/22
[38...Ne4= 0.01/21 39.Qh4 Reg7]



39.Nxf5!± Pin **39...Rf7 40.Nd4** 1.09/22

[⌓40.Nh4 1.49/22 Rgf6 41.f5]

40...Nxd4



41.cxd4 Rxf4 42.Qd1 0.01/19

[42.Rc1+± 0.67/23 Kb8 43.Rg5]

42...Rf2 43.R5e2 -1.29/22

[43.Rg1= 0.01/21]

43...Rgxg2→ (-> ...Rh2+). Black goes for the king. **44.Rxf2** -2.14/23

[Much weaker is 44.Qc2+?! Qc7 45.Rxf2 Qxc2 46.Rxc2+ Rxc2 47.Rxe6 b5∓]

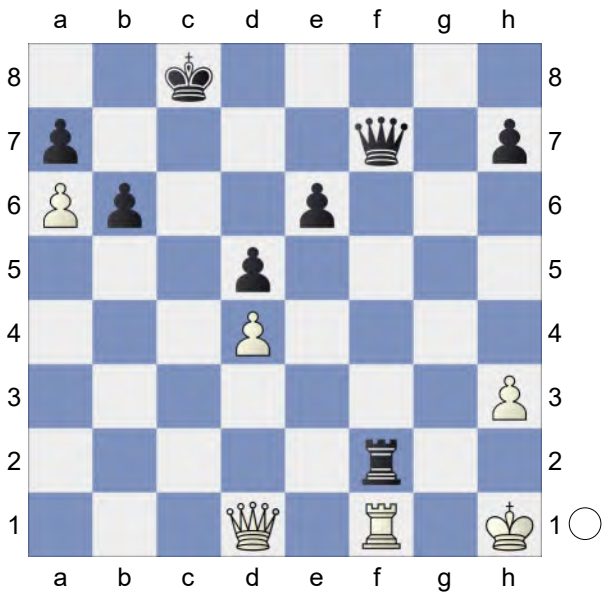
[44.Qc1+∓ -1.13/23 was called for. Kb8 45.Rxf2 Rxf2 46.Qe3]

44...Rxf2 Endgame. KQR-KQR **45.Rf1**

[45.Qg4 Qf7 46.Qxe6+ Qxe6 47.Rxe6 Kd7=]

45...Qf7

(Diagram)



46.Qc1+ -3.33/22

[⌓46.Rxf2 -2.33/25 Qxf2 47.Qg4]

46...Kd7-+ 47.Rxf2 Qxf2 KQ-KQ

48.Qh6 Qf7 Threatens to win with ...b5.

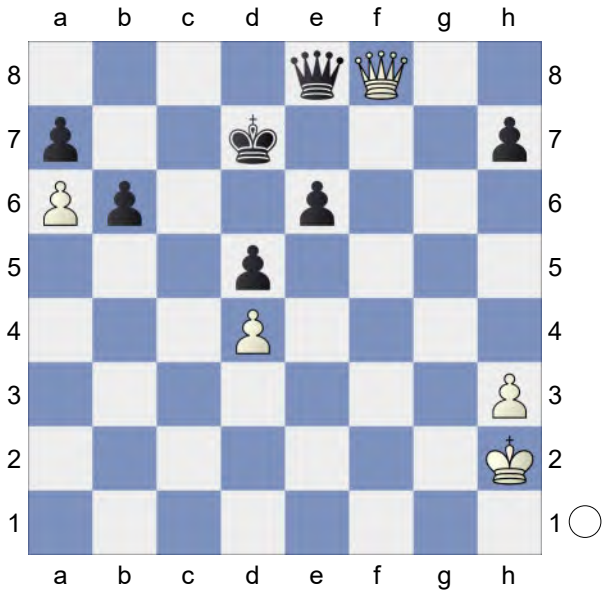
[And not 48...Qxd4 49.Qxh7+ Kc6 50.Qxa7=]

49.Kh2? -3.81/24

[49.Qd2 -1.99/22 keeps fighting.]

49...Qg6 50.Qf8 Qe8

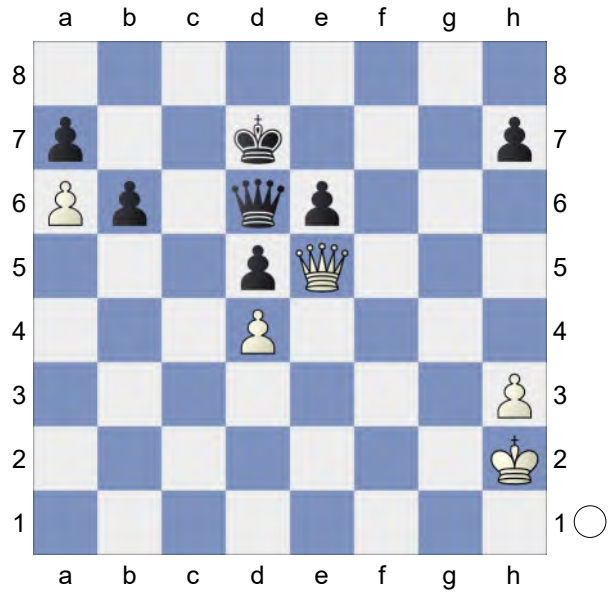
[50...Qc2+ 51.Kg1∓]



51.Qg7+ Qe7 52.Qe5 -13.38/24

[52.Qg2 -2.81/21]

52...Qd6



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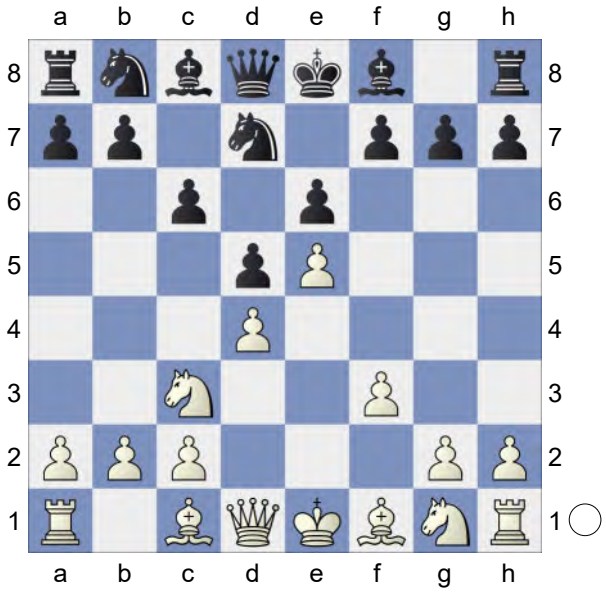
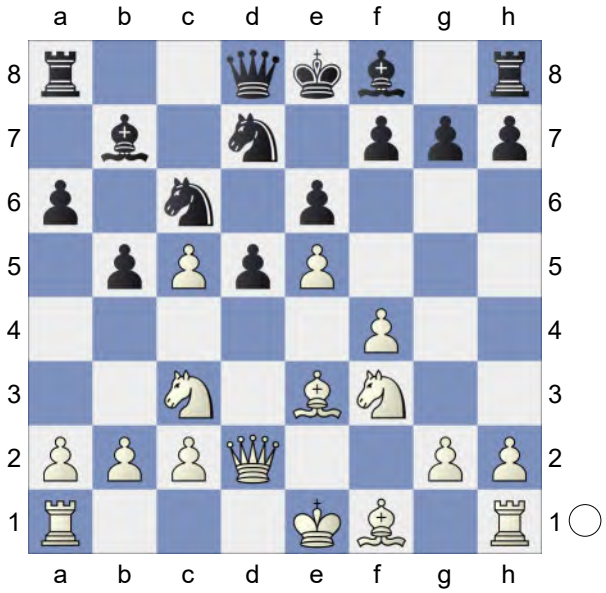
14 **C11**
□ **Yarebore** **2918**
■ **Lance5500** **2699**
Blitz 06.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 a6
[8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]
9.Qd2N
[9.a3 Rb8 10.Qd2 Be7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.Bd3 b5 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Ne2 0-0 18.c3 Bd7 19.a4 Qe8 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Ned4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 f5 23.a5 Qf7 ½-½ (65) Curtis,R (2341)-9. ♗h4 d5 10.e3 ♘bd7 69281 (2520) Copenhagen 1999 (3)]
9...b5 10.dxc5 Bb7



11.Qf2 Rc8 0.56/18
[11...Qa5= 0.16/18]
12.a3± White is slightly better. **12...Qa5**
13.Ra2 -0.23/21
[13.Nd4± 0.53/20]
13...b4!=
[13...d4? 14.Nxd4 g5 *(14...Nxd4 15.b4±)* 15.Nxc6 *(15.fxg5 Nxd4 16.b4 Nxc2+ 17.Rxc2 Qxa3+-; 15.b4 Qc7+-)* 15...Bxc6 16.b4± *(16.fxg5 Bg7+-)*]
14.axb4 Qxb4 15.Qd2 -0.69/21
[15.Bd2!= -0.12/20]
15...Bxc5∓

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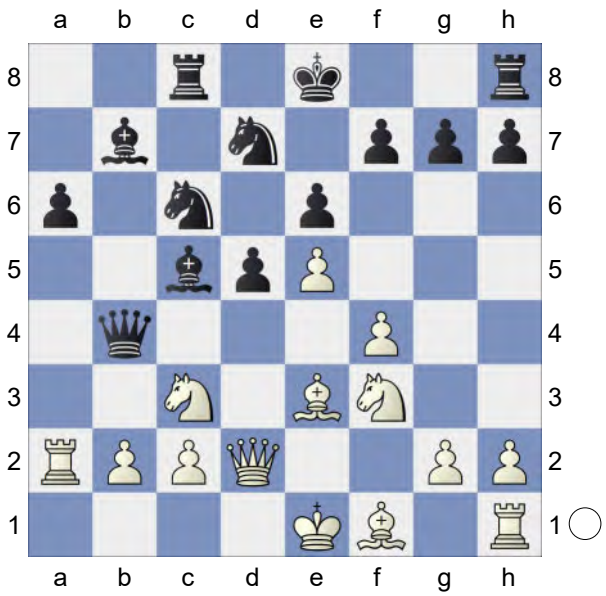
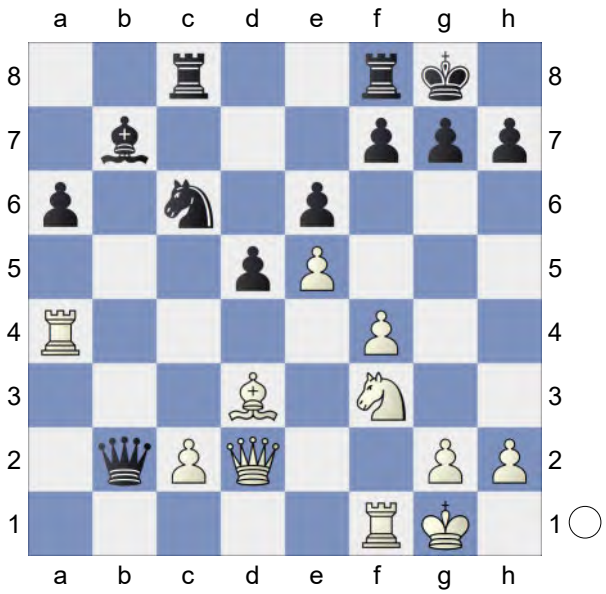
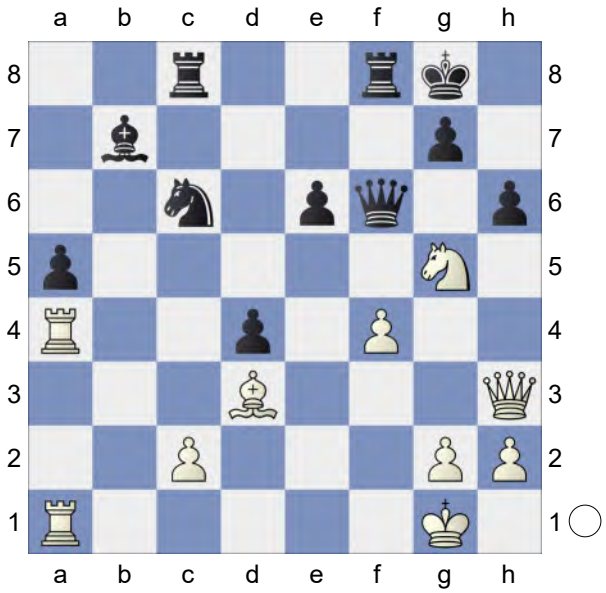


16.Bxc5 Nxc5 17.Bd3 Qb6
And now ...Nb4 would win. **18.Na4 Nxa4 19.Rxa4 Qxb2 20.0-0 0-0**



21.Rfa1 -0.57/18
[White should play 21.f5!= 0.01/18 exf5 *(21...Nxe5 22.Rb4±)* 22.Bxf5 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.Bxc8 Rxc8 25.Qf2]
21...f6 -0.01/19
[21...Rb8∓ -0.57/18]
22.exf6 Qxf6 23.Qe3 -0.23/20
[⌓23.Re1 0.14/19 h5 24.Ng5 *(24.Bxa6? Bxa6 25.Rxa6 Qxf4∓)*]
23...a5 0.71/18
[23...Nb4!= -0.23/20 remains equal. 24.Rxb4 Qxa1+ 25.Kf2 Ba8]
24.Ng5± d4 1.55/21
[24...g6!± 0.61/22]
25.Qh3
[25.Bxh7+ Kh8 26.Qh3 *(26.Qxe6? Qxf4 27.Bd3 Qxg5-+)* 26...Qh6±]
25...h6



26.Nxe6
[26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Qe4 *(27.Qxf6 Rxf6 28.Ne4 Rxf4=)* 27...g6∓]
26...Rfe8 27.Nc5 White has more active pieces. **27...Ba8 28.Qg4→** Black must now prevent Nd7. White mounts an attack. **28...Kh8** 1.70/21
[28...Qe7± 0.41/23 29.Ne6 Nb4 *(29...Qxe6? 30.Bc4+-* Pin *)* 30.Rxa5 *(30.Nxd4? Qe3+ 31.Kf1 Qxd4-+)* 30...Nxd3 31.cxd3 *(31.Nxd4? Qe1+* Back Rank *32.Rxe1 Rxe1#)* 31...Bxg2]

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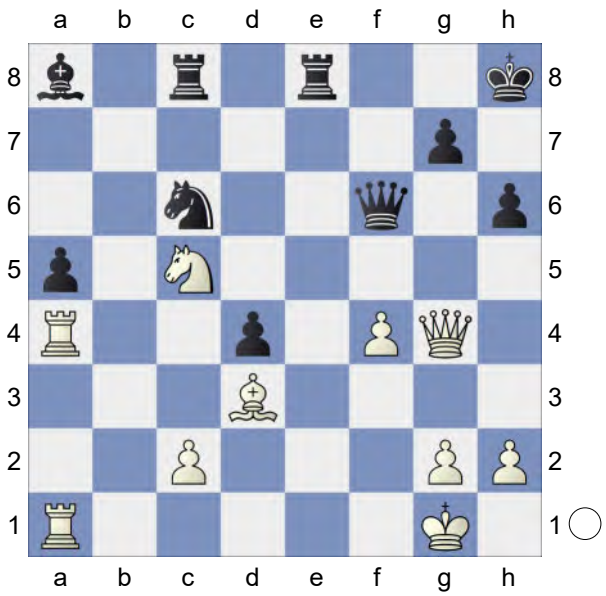
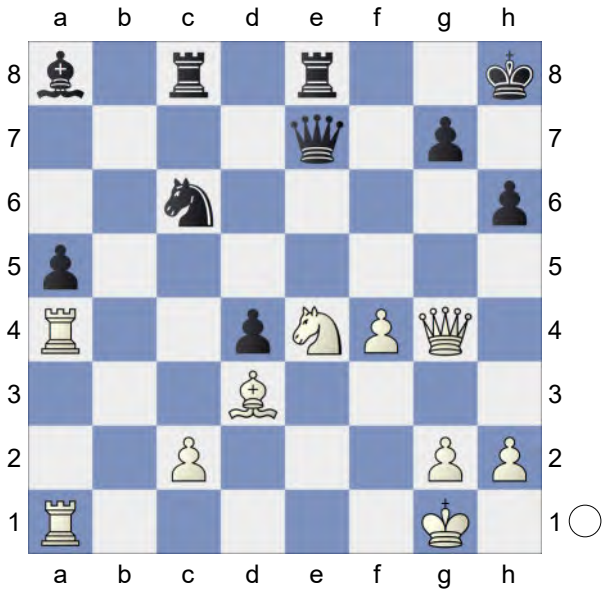
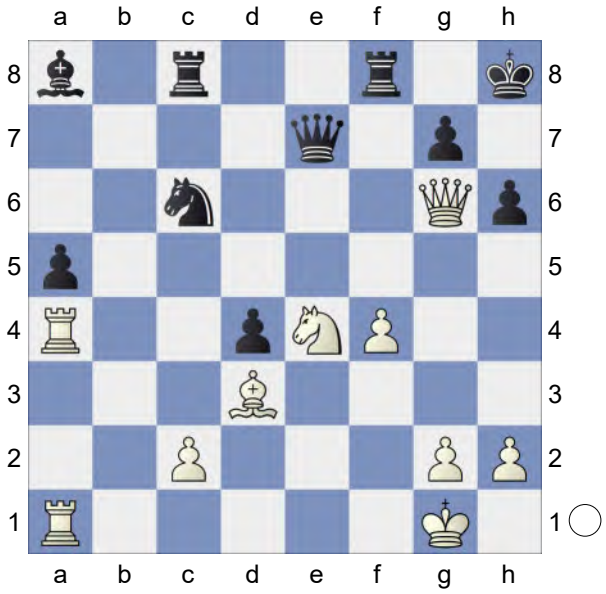


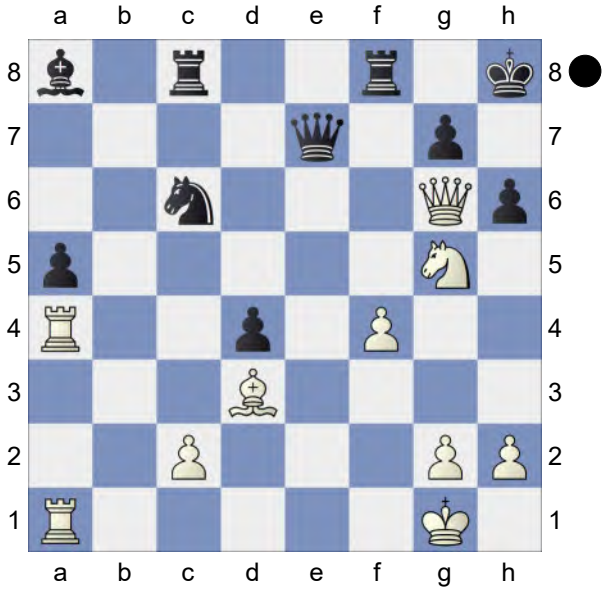
29.Ne4 0.58/20
[29.Nd7!+- 1.70/21 Qf7 30.Ne5 Nxe5 31.fxe5]
29...Qe7 1.75/22
[29...Qf8± 0.58/20]



30.Qg6? 0.01/21
[30.Ng3!+- 1.75/22 Threatens to win with Qg6. Nb4 31.Rxb4 *(31.Rxa5 Qe3+ 32.Kh1 Nxd3∓; 31.Nf5 Qf6±)* 31...Qxb4 32.Qg6]
30...Rf8? 13.52/26
[30...Nb4= 0.01/21 31.Nd6 Qe3+ 32.Kh1 Nxd3 33.Nf7+ Kg8 34.Nxh6+ Kh8 35.Nf7+ Kg8 36.Nh6+ Kh8 37.Nf7+ Kg8 38.Nh6+]



31.Ng5



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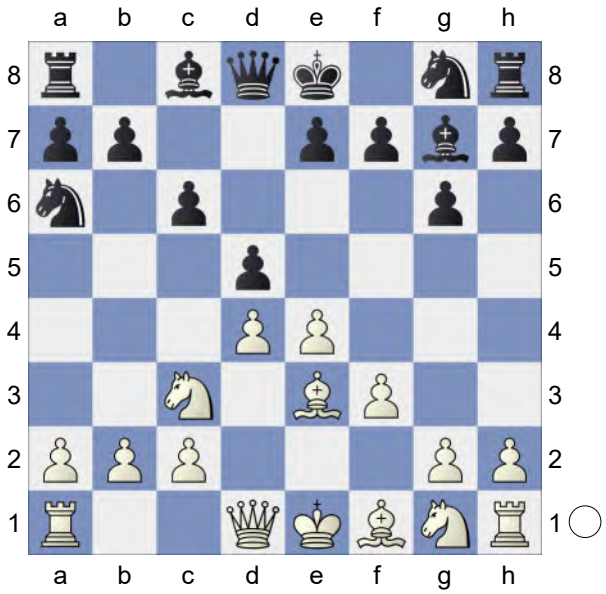
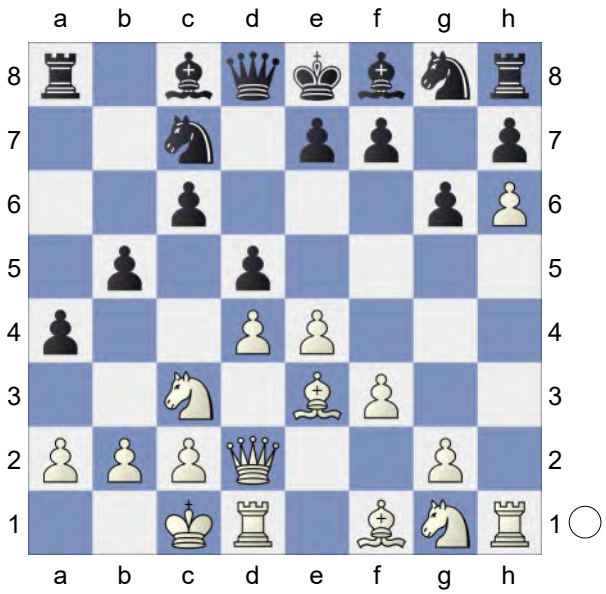
15 **B12**
□ **Motar0** **2912**
■ **Athena Pallada** **2924**
Blitz 16.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 90/(83)'
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Na6N
[5...dxe4 6.fxe4 e5 *(6...Qb6 7.Qd2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.Bc4 Nd7 10.Nf3 Nb6 11.Bb3 Nf6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ng5 e6 14.e5* B 15/01-N,N*)* 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qe7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Nf3 Ngf6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Qf4 Re8 15.Bh3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qxe5 Rxe5 18.Rd8+ Re8 Lupulescu,C (2543)-Barnaure,V (2378) 90/(83) Bari 2004]
[5...h5 6.Qd2 a6 7.0-0-0 e6 8.h4 b5 9.g4 Nd7 10.gxh5 gxh5 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.Rg1 Bf8 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rde1 Ne7 18.Rg5 Qb6 19.Nd1 Kd7 20.Nxh5 1-0 (29) 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 with 16. e (2247)-J.Hector (2247) corr ML-026 BdF 1999]
[5...Qb6 6.Qd2 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.exd5 Nf6 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Bb3 Ba6 13.0-0 Nb6 B 15/01-N,N]

(Diagram)

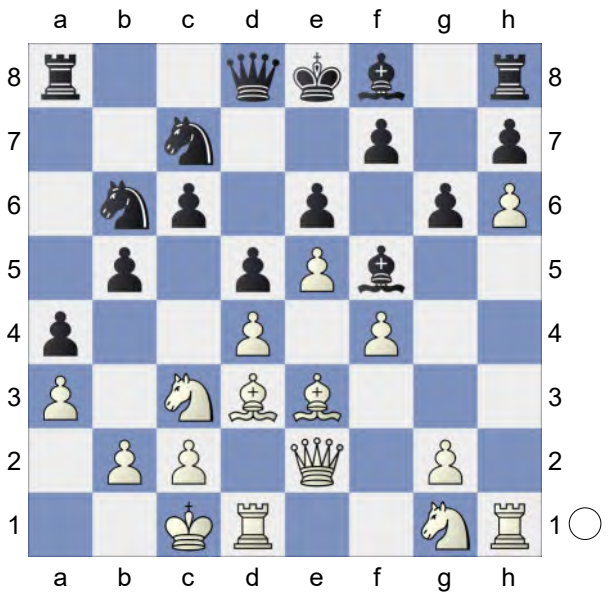


6.Qd2 Nc7 7.0-0-0 b5 8.h4
White is slightly better. **8...a5** 0.94/19
[8...h5± 0.36/19]
9.h5± a4 10.h6 Bf8

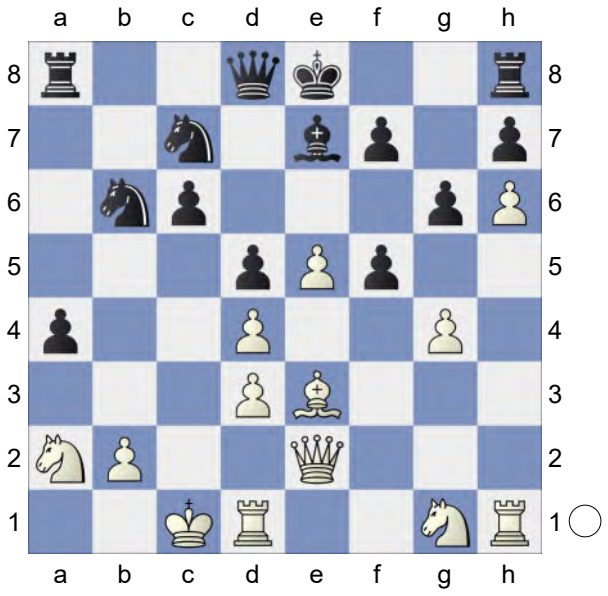


11.a3 Nf6 12.e5 Nd7 13.f4 0.43/17
White has more active pieces.
[13.g4± 0.79/17]
13...Nb6± 14.Bd3 Bf5 15.Qe2 e6

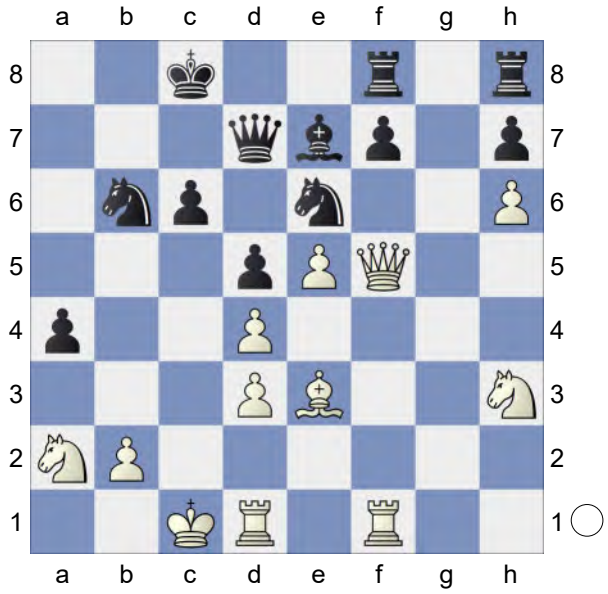
(Diagram)



16.g4 -0.29/20
[⌓16.Bxf5 0.16/20 exf5 17.Na2]
16...Bxd3= 17.cxd3
[17.Rxd3 b4 18.axb4 a3]
17...b4 18.axb4 Bxb4 19.Na2 Be7 20.f5 exf5

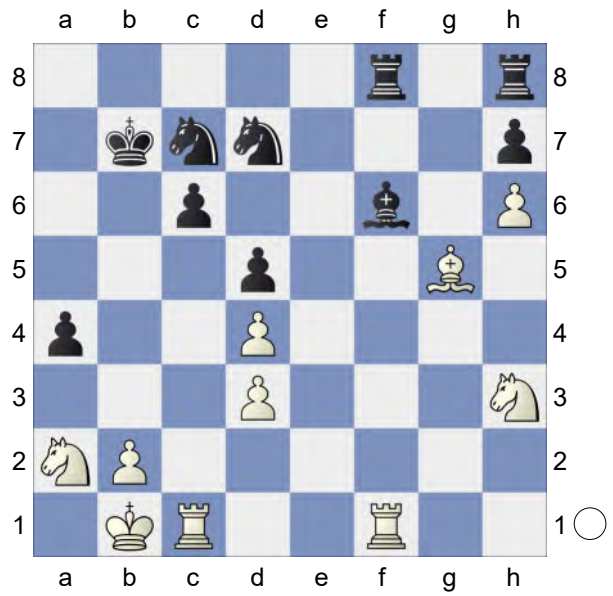


21.gxf5 gxf5
[21...a3 is more complex. 22.f6 axb2+ 23.Kxb2 Bf8]
22.Nh3 Ne6 23.Rhf1
[23.Qh5 keeps more tension. a3 24.b4 Rg8 25.Qxf5 Rg3 26.Rde1]
23...Qd7 0.01/20
[23...a3∓ -0.40/18 24.b4 Qd7]
24.Qh5 0-0-0 0.39/20
[24...a3= -0.20/19 25.b4 0-0-0]
25.Qxf5 Rdf8

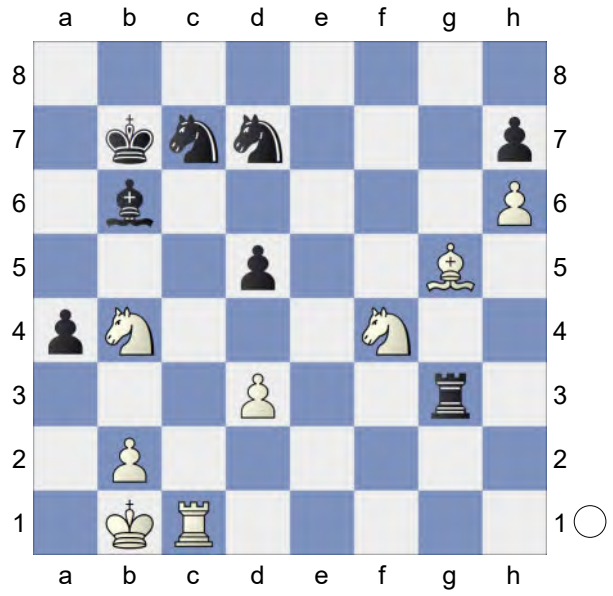


26.Kb1 0.00/20
[26.Nf4± 0.55/19]
26...Kb7 0.71/20
[26...f6= 0.00/20]
27.Rc1 -0.18/21
[27.Nf4± 0.71/20]
27...Nc7 1.12/21
[27...f6= -0.18/21 remains equal.]
28.Qxd7 0.44/21
[28.Ng5± 1.12/21]
28...Nxd7± 29.Bg5 0.12/23
[29.Rg1± 0.66/21]
29...f6 0.85/21
[29...Bxg5= 0.12/23 30.Nxg5 f6 31.exf6 Rhg8]
30.exf6± Bxf6

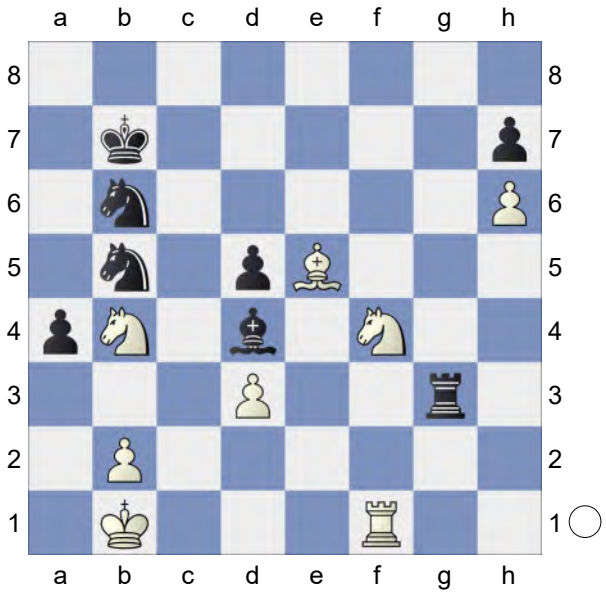
(Diagram)



31.Nb4 -0.01/24
[31.Bxf6± 0.58/23 Nxf6 *(31...Rxf6 32.Rxf6 Nxf6 33.Nb4±)* 32.Nb4]
31...Bxd4= 32.Rxf8 Rxf8 33.Nxc6 Bb6 34.Nb4 -0.69/22
[34.Nd8+= 0.01/22 Ka6 35.Nc6]
34...Rf3 -0.14/22
[Black should try 34...Rf5!∓ -0.69/22]
35.Nf4 Rg3 0.33/22
[Better is 35...Nc5= -0.21/21 36.Nfxd5 Nxd5 37.Nxd5 Rf5 38.Nxb6 Rxg5]

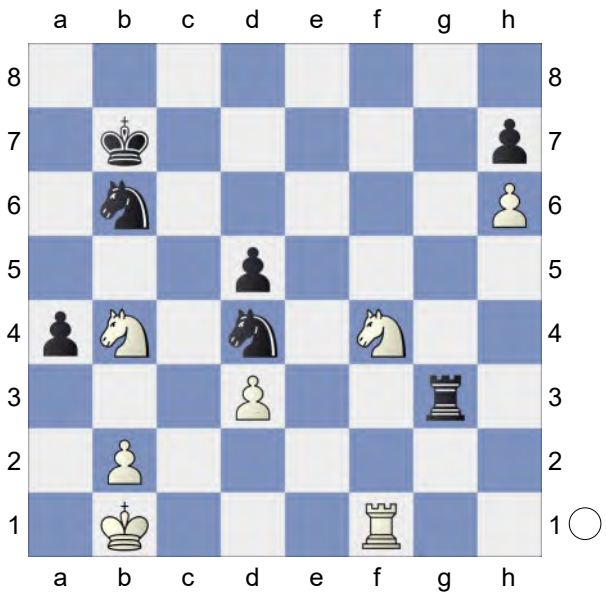


36.Be7 Be3 37.Rf1 Nb6 38.Bd6
Threatens to win with Nfxd5! **38...Nb5**
39.Be5 -0.40/21
[39.Nfxd5? Nxd6 40.Nxe3 Rxe3-+]
[39.Nh5± 0.33/21 Rh3 40.Nf4 *(40.Rf7+ Kc8=)* 40...Rxh6 41.Nfxd5]
39...Bd4? 2.70/24
[39...Rg5!∓ -0.40/21 stays ahead. 40.Nfxd5 Nxd5 *(40...Rxe5 41.Rf7+ Ka8 42.Rf8+ Kb7 43.Rf7+ Ka8 44.Rf8+ Kb7 45.Rf7+=)* 41.Nxd5 Rxe5 Discovered Attack 42.Rf7+ Ka6 43.Nxe3 Rxe3 44.Rxh7 Rxd3]

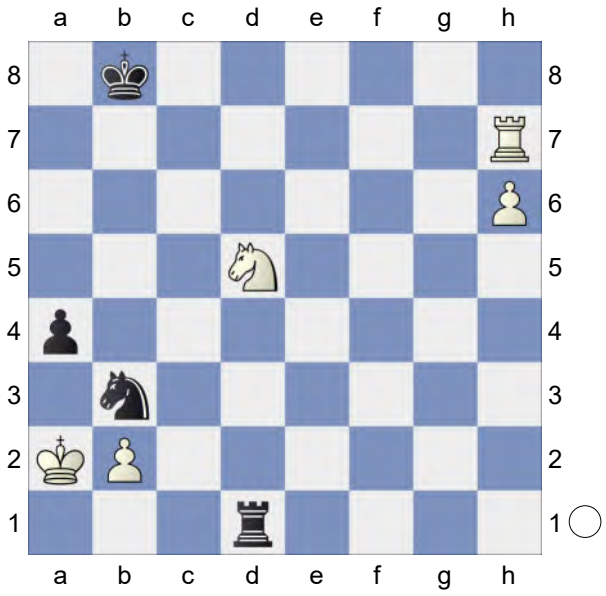


40.Bxd4? 0.94/21
[40.Nfxd5 Bxe5 41.Rf7+ Nc7∓]
[40.Ne2!+- 2.70/24 is the precise move to win. Bxe5 41.Rf7+ Nc7 42.Nxg3 Bxg3 43.Rxh7]
40...Nxd4±

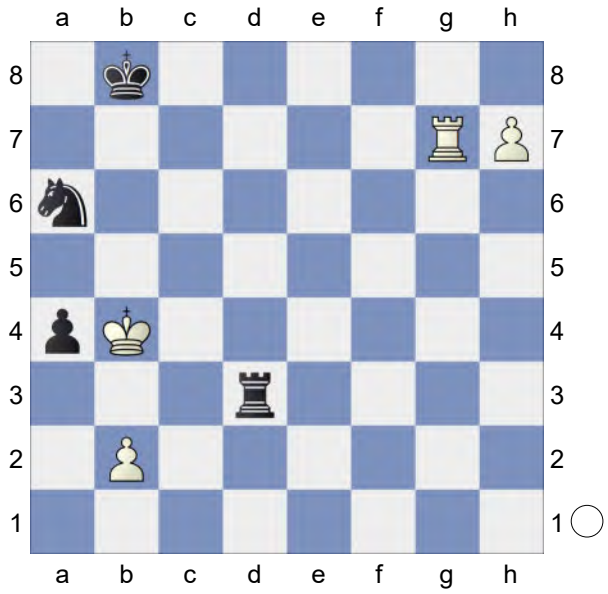
(Diagram)



41.Nfxd5 Nxd5 42.Nxd5 Rxd3+- 1.08/21 Endgame. KRN-KRN
[42...Rh3± 0.65/21 feels stronger.]
43.Rf7+± Kb8 44.Rxh7 0.24/20
[44.Nb4± 1.16/20 Rh3 45.Rxh7]
44...Rd1+= 45.Ka2 Rh8+ is the strong threat. **45...Nb3?** 4.56/25
[45...Nc2!= 0.01/20 and Black is okay. 46.b4 *(46.Rh8+ Ka7=)* 46...Rxd5]



46.Ka3!+- Rxd5 6.32/28
[⌓46...Ra1+ 4.10/20 47.Kb4 Rb1 48.Rh8+ *(48.Kxa4 Nc5+ 49.Kb5 Nb7+-)* 48...Kb7]
47.Rg7 White is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 47.Kxa4 Nc5+ 48.Kb4 Na6+ 49.Kc3 Rh5∓]
47...Nc5 48.h7 Rd3+ 49.Kb4 Na6+



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16 **B12**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2833**
■ **Liochess13** **2718**
Blitz 17.12.2023
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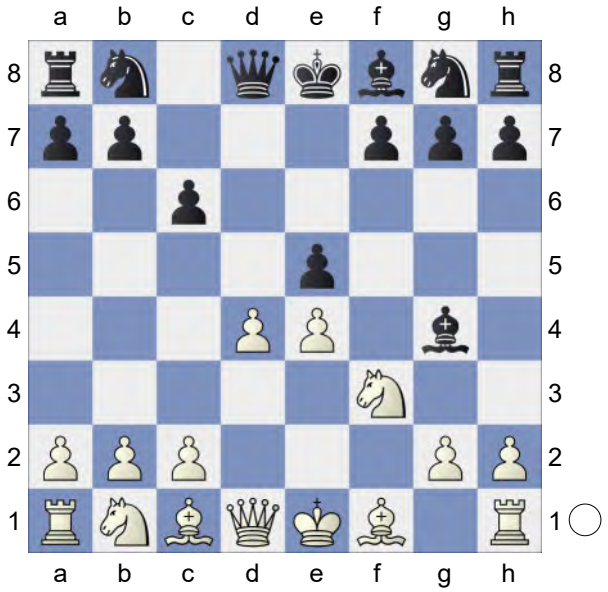
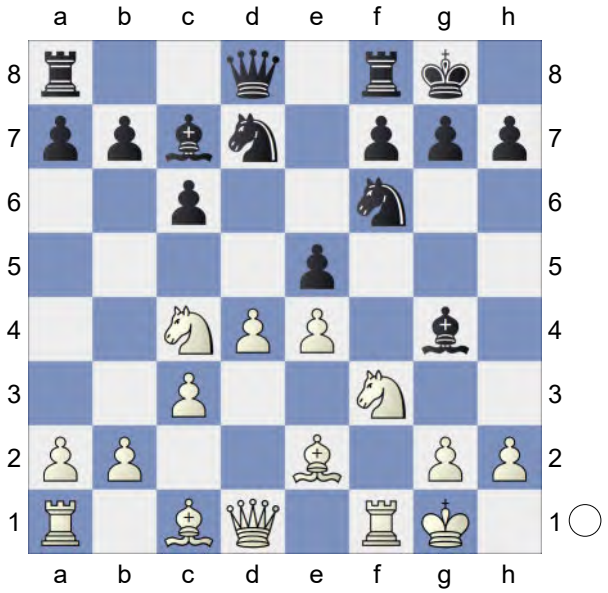
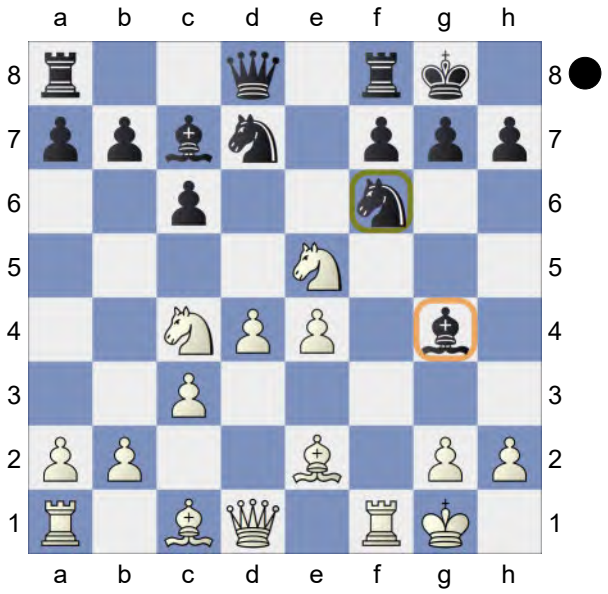
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



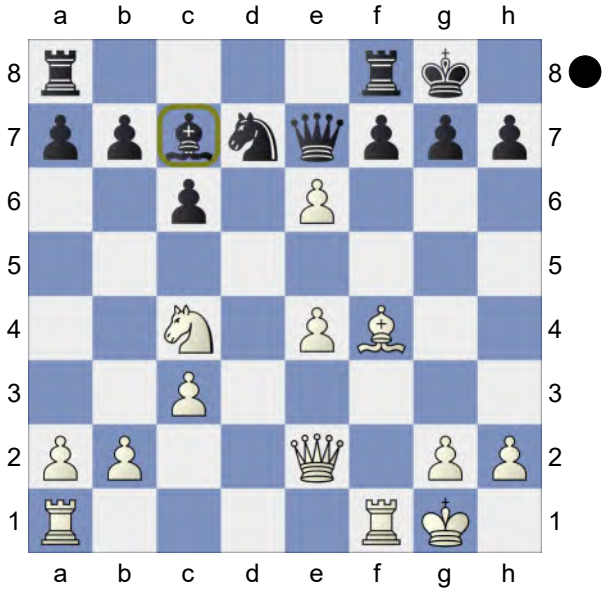
6.c3 Nd7 7.Be2 Bd6 8.0-0
The position is equal. **8...Ngf6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Nc4 Bc7**



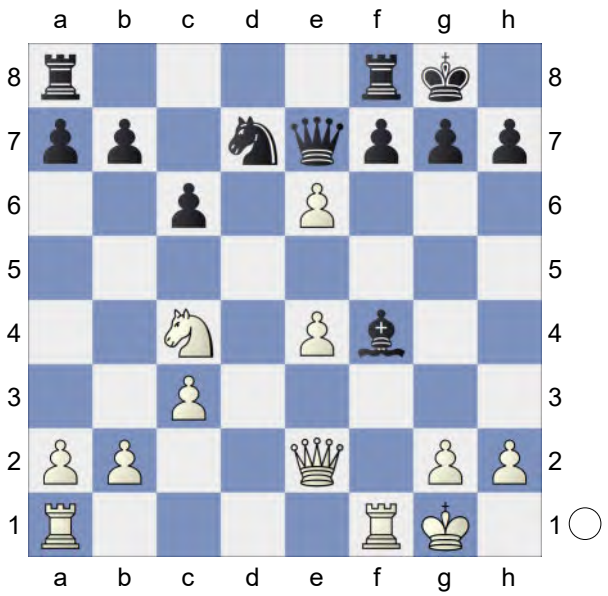
11.Nfxe5N
[11.Ncxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Bf4 III.) Quickstarter Guide #2:-Caro Kann Fantasy: 3.f3 dxe4]



Discovered Attack **11...Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Bf4K**
White puts up resistance **14...Qe7! 15.e6**



exf7+ would now be deadly. Discovered Attack **15...Bxf4**
(Diagram)



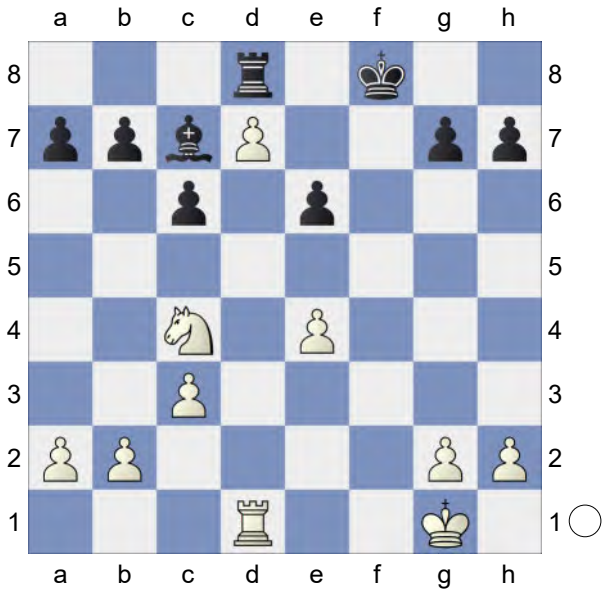
16.exd7 Bc7 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Qg4 -0.42/22

[18.Qd3!= 0.01/21 deserves consideration.]

18...Qe6 0.06/19

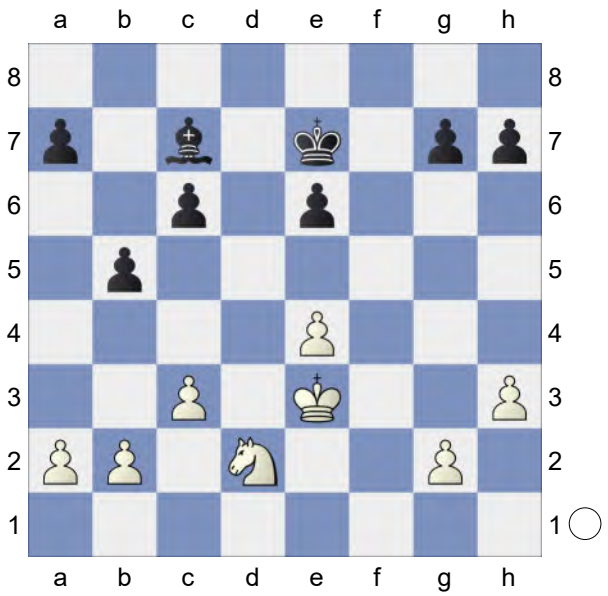
[18...b5!∓ -0.42/22 19.Ne3 Bb6]

19.Qxe6= fxe6 20.Rxf8+ Kxf8



Endgame. KRB-KRN **21.h3 Ke7 22.Kf2 Rxd7 23.Rxd7+ Kxd7** KB-KN **24.Ke3 b5 25.Nd2 Ke7**

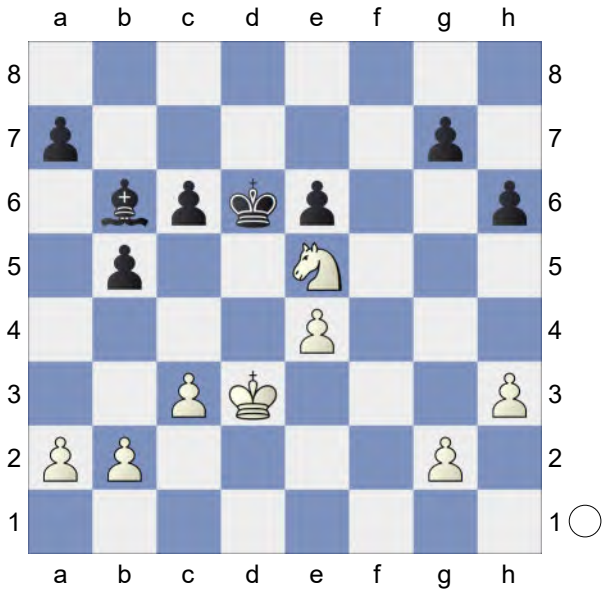
(Diagram)



26.Nf3 Bb6+ 27.Kd3 Kd6 28.Ng5 0.01/24

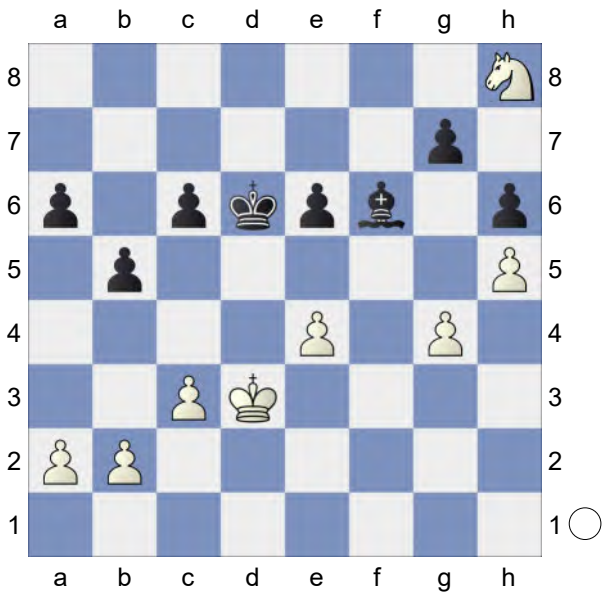
[28.e5+± 0.38/23 is more appropriate. Kd7 29.c4]

28...h6 29.Nf7+ Ke7 30.Ne5 Kd6

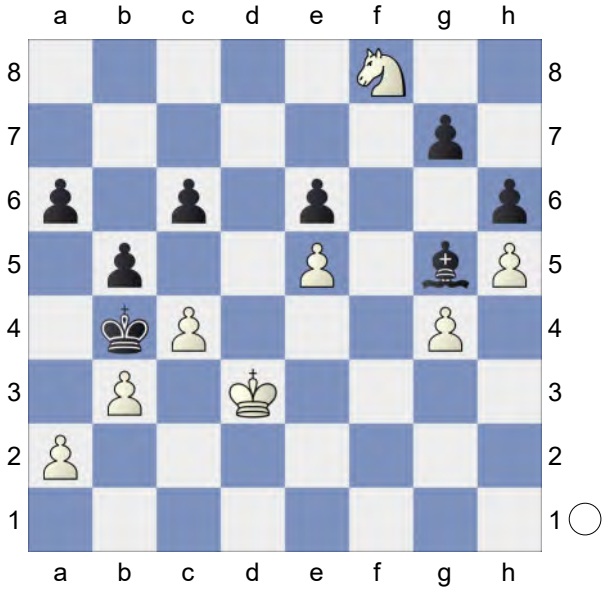


31.Ng6 a6 32.g4 Bd8 33.h4 Bf6 34.h5 Be5 35.Nh8 Black must now prevent Nf7+. **35...Bf6**

(Diagram)



36.Ng6 Be5 37.b3 Bf6 38.c4 Kc5?
6.66/24 Loses the game.
[38...c5= 0.01/23]
39.e5+- White is clearly winning.
39...Bg5 40.Nf8 Kb4



41.Nxe6 Be7 42.Nd4 Ka3 43.Nxc6 Bc5 44.e6 Kxa2 45.b4 Bf8

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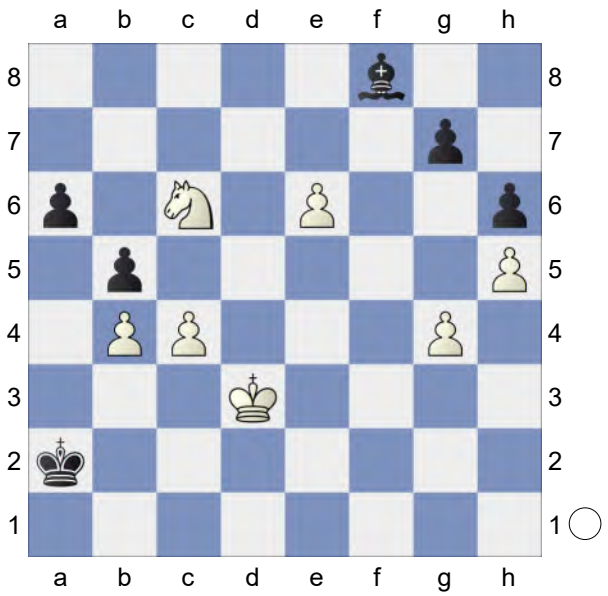

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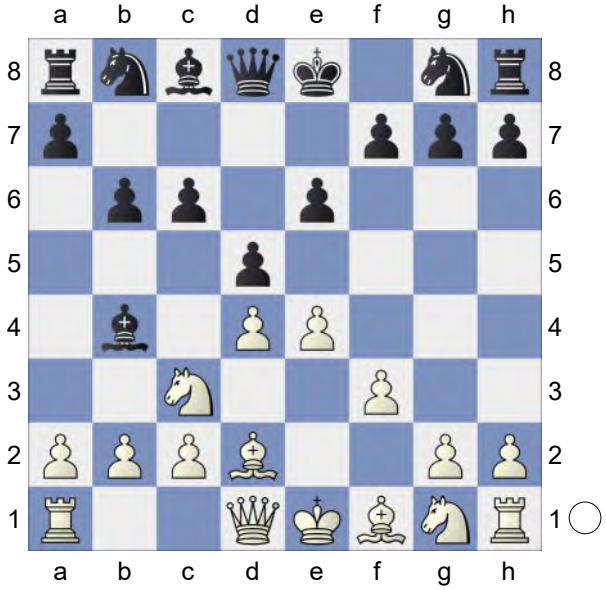
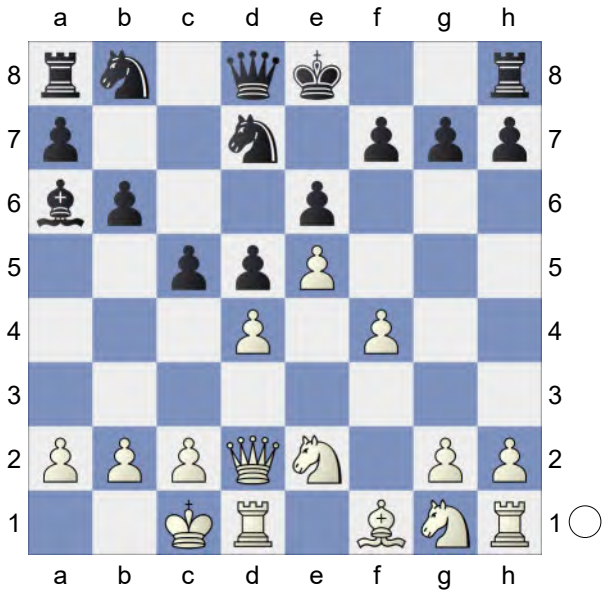
17 **B12**
□ **Azumilover** **2956**
■ **Mischuk,D** **2727**
Blitz 28.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 b6

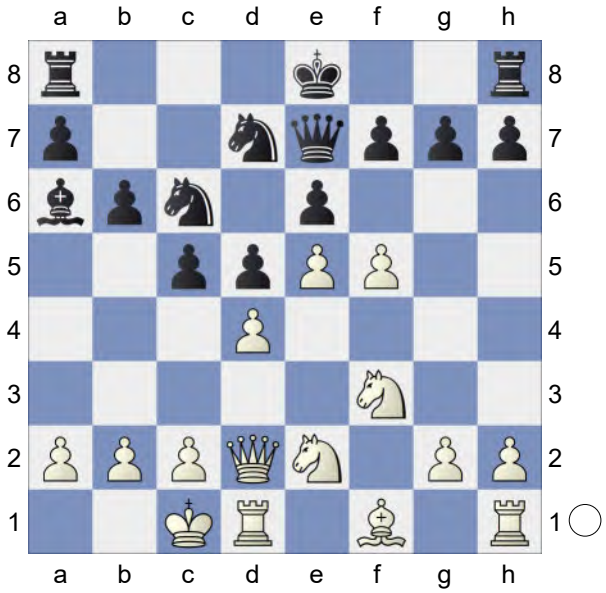


6.Nce2
[6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 fxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
6...Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Ba6 8.0-0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Nf6N** 0.66/20
[8...Ne7= 0.30/17 might be stronger. 9.h4 Nd7 10.h5 h6 11.e5 c5 12.f4 Qc7 13.Nf3 Bxe2 14.Bxe2 c4 15.Nh4 b5 16.Bg4 3...e6]
9.e5± Nfd7 10.f4 c5

(Diagram)

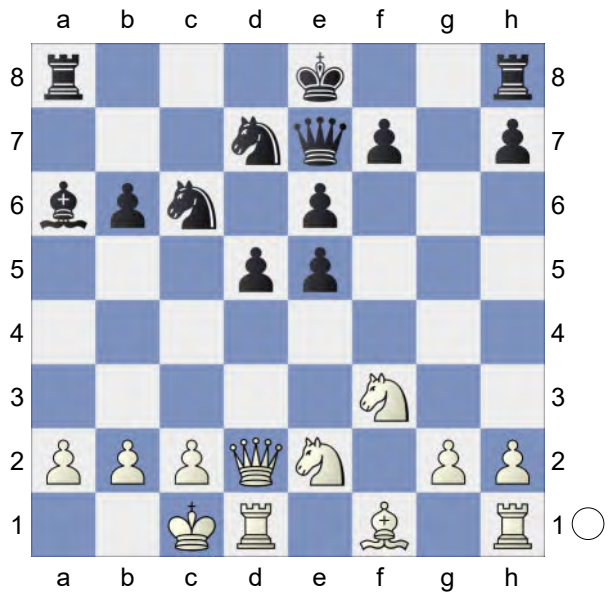


11.Nf3 Nc6 12.f5 fxe6 is the strong threat. **12...Qe7**

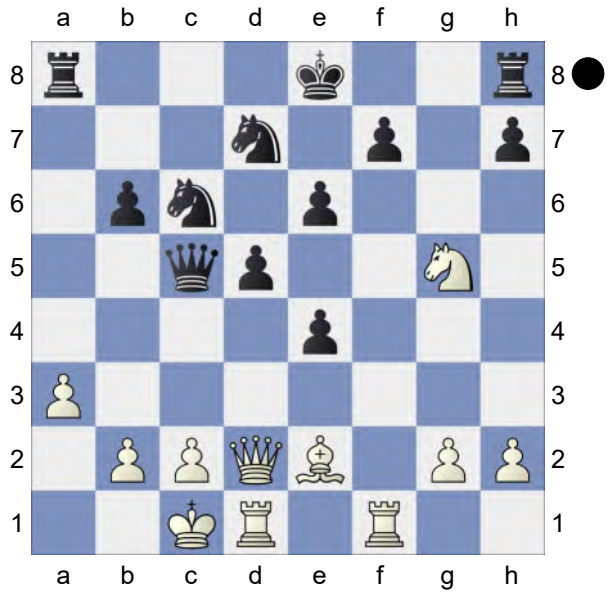


13.f6 -0.28/20 **gxf6= 14.dxc5** -0.95/20
[14.exf6∓ -0.34/18 Nxf6 *(14...Qxf6 15.Nc3∓)* 15.Nc3]
14...fxe5∓ 15.cxb6 axb6

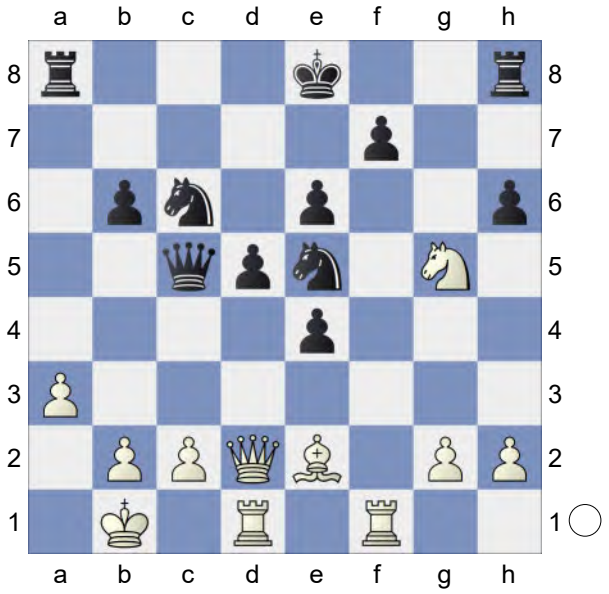
(Diagram)



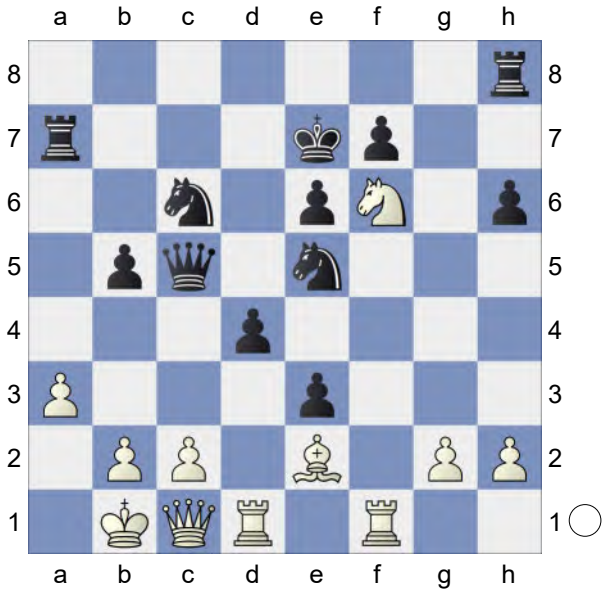
16.a3 -1.36/18
[⌓16.Kb1 -0.92/18]
16...Bxe2 -0.92/20
[⌓16...b5 -1.36/18 Threatens to win with ...b4. 17.b4 Bb7]
17.Bxe2 Qc5→ Wards off Bb5. Black is out for blood. **18.Rhf1** -1.47/20
[⌓18.Kb1 -0.85/19]
18...e4 19.Ng5 -2.43/20
[19.Ne1∓ -1.35/18]



19...Nde5? -0.14/19
[Black should play 19...e3!-+ -2.43/20
20.Qd3 Nde5]
20.Kb1? -1.82/20
[20.Qf4= -0.14/19]
20...h6-+



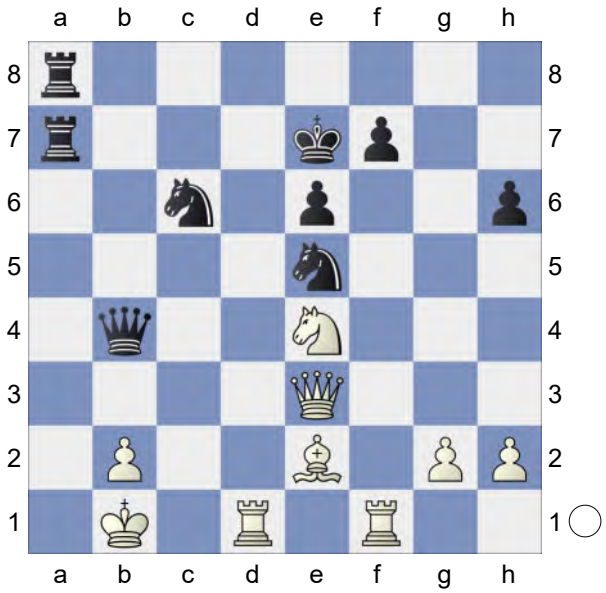
21.Nh3 e3 22.Qc1 -1.85/21
[22.Qe1∓ -1.27/20]
22...d4 23.Nf4 Ra7 -1.18/19
[23...b5-+ -1.85/19 24.Nd3 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 b4]
24.Nh5 -2.34/22
[24.Nd3∓ -1.18/19 might work better. Nxd3 25.Rxd3]
24...Ke7 25.Nf6 b5



26.Ne4 Inhibits b4. **26...Qb6 27.c3** And now cxd4 would win. **27...dxc3** -0.65/21

[27...Rd8∓ -1.53/21 White must now prevent ...d3. 28.cxd4 Rxd4 29.Rxd4 Qxd4]

28.Qxc3∓ b4! 29.axb4 Qxb4 30.Qxe3 Rha8



31.Kc2 -1.62/23

[31.Qc5+∓ -0.80/22 Qxc5 32.Nxc5]

31...Rc7 -0.47/22

[31...Rb8-+ -1.62/23 32.Qc5+ Qxc5+ 33.Nxc5 Ra5]

32.Kb1 Qa4? #2/6

[32...Qa5∓ -0.50/23 33.Qc5+ Qxc5 34.Nxc5 Nb4]

33.Qc5+ Ke8 34.Nf6#

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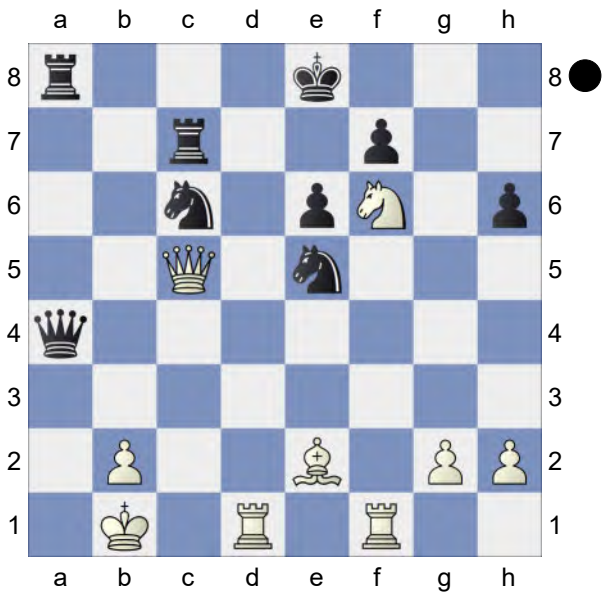

White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.51

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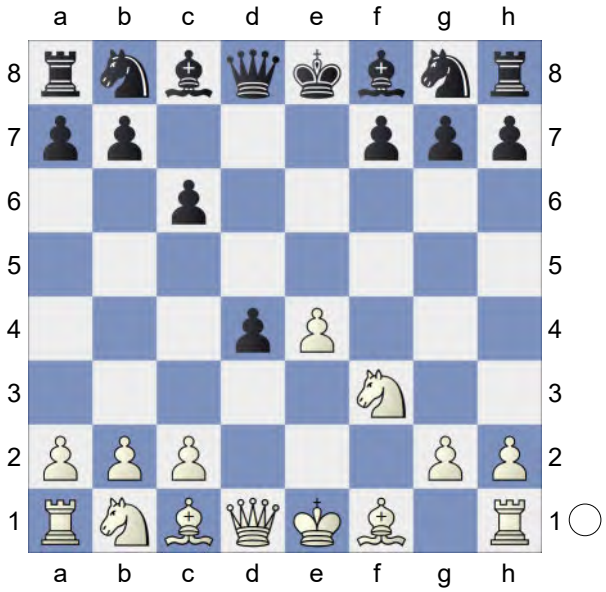
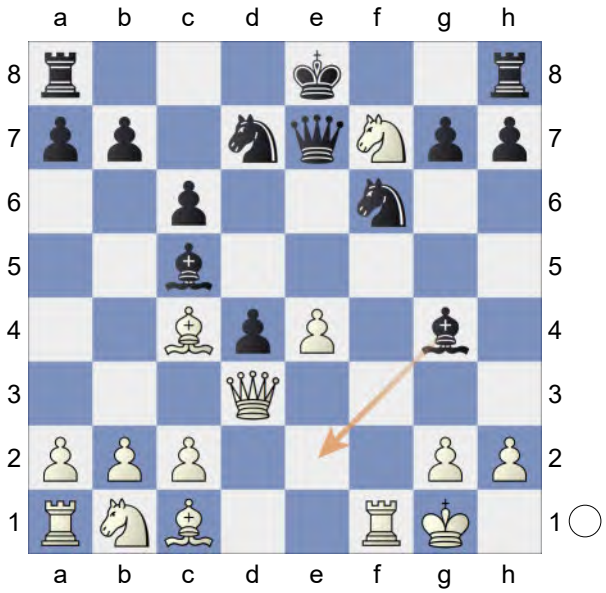
18 **B12**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2972**
■ **hitter1999** **2809**
Blitz 01.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4



6.Bc4 Bc5 7.0-0 And now Ng5 would win. **7...Nf6 8.Ng5 Bg4N** White is slightly better.
[8...0-0 9.Bxf7+ Kh8 *(9...Rxf7 10.Nxf7 Qe7 11.e5 Qxf7 12.exf6 Be6 13.b4 Bb6 14.fxg7 Qxg7 15.Qe1 Qg6 16.Nd2* Goncar,P-Reichardt,H 74/300 Belgrad 1999 (111) *)* 10.e5 Ng4 *(10...d3+ 11.Kh1 Ng4 12.e6 Qd4 13.Qf3 Nf2+ 14.Qxf2 Qxf2 15.Rxf2 Bxf2 16.e7* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 Sidelines: 4...e5 *)* 11.Qd3 g6 12.e6 V.C) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4...e5 5.Nf3 exd4 #6]
9.Qd3
[9.Bxf7+ with more complications. Kd7 10.Qd3 h6 11.Ne6]
9...Nbd7 1.27/17
[9...Qe7!± 0.67/19]
10.Nxf7? -1.39/22 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[10.Bxf7+± 1.27/17 is forced if you want to stay better. Kf8 11.Bh5]
10...Qe7∓



11.Nxh8 Ne5 12.Qb3 b5? 0.84/19
[12...Nxe4 13.Nd2 *(13.Nf7? d3+ 14.Kh1 Nxc4-+)* 13...Nd6 14.Kh1+-]
[12...Nxc4!∓ -1.28/19 13.Bg5 *(13.Qxc4? Be2-+* Double Attack*)* 13...Be6]

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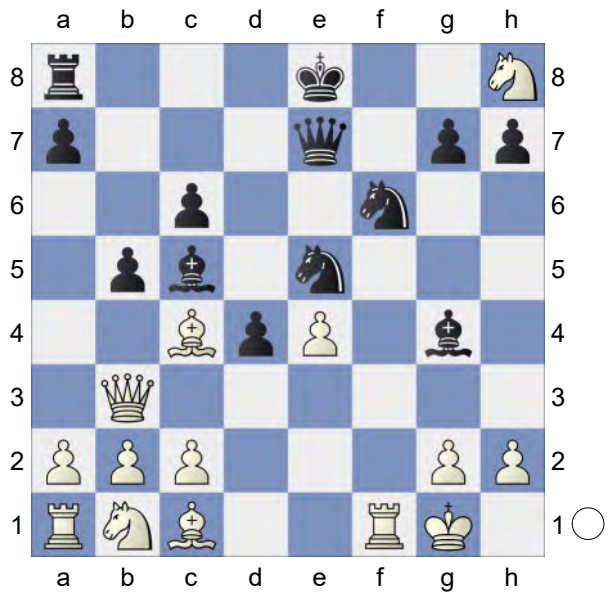
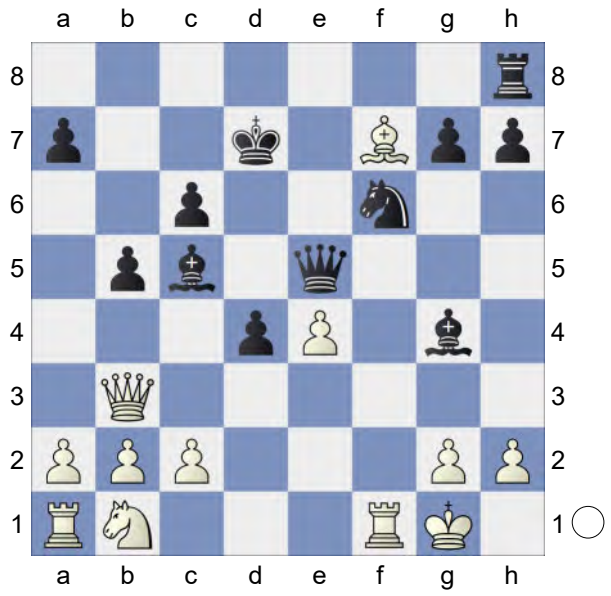
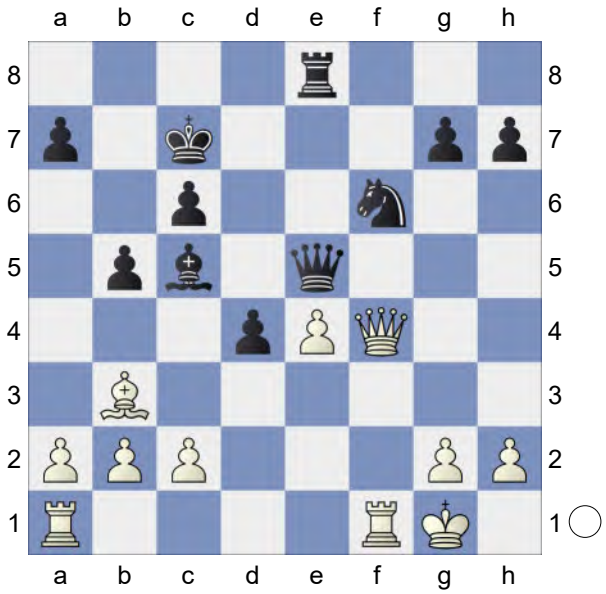


13.Bf7+ -0.23/21 **Kd7= 14.Bf4** a4! is the strong threat. **14...Rxh8**
15.Bxe5 Qxe5



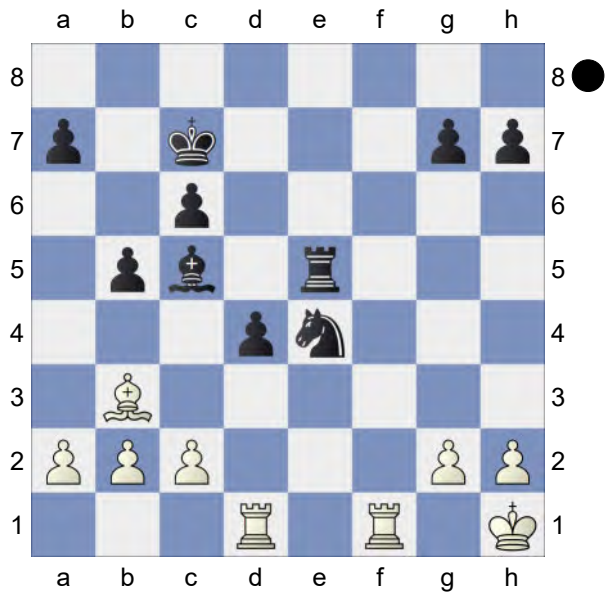
16.Nd2 Be2? 0.70/21
[16...Ke7!∓ -1.17/19 Strongly threatening ...Rf8! 17.a4 Rb8]
17.Nf3 -0.45/20
[17.Rf5± 0.70/21 d3+ 18.Kh1]
17...Bxf3
[17...Qe7 looks sharper. 18.Ng5 d3+ 19.Kh1 Be3]
18.Qxf3
[18.Rxf3 Ng4 19.g3 Qxe4-+]

18...Rf8 0.49/23
[18...d3+!∓ -0.36/20 19.Kh1 d2]
19.Bb3± Kc7 0.94/23
[19...d3+± 0.45/21 20.Kh1 d2 21.Qf5+ Qxf5 22.exf5 Re8 23.Be6+ Ke7]
20.Qf4 0.47/20
[20.Qf5!± 0.94/23 d3+ 21.Kh1 Qxf5 22.Rxf5 Nxe4 23.Rxf8 Bxf8 24.g3 *(24.cxd3 Nf2+ 25.Kg1 Nxd3±)*]
20...Re8 1.02/22
[20...Qxf4± 0.47/20 21.Rxf4 d3+ 22.Kh1 Bd6]



21.Qxe5+!± Rxe5 22.Kh1 -0.15/21
[White must play 22.Rf5!± 1.02/21 Rxf5 23.exf5]
22...Nxe4= 23.Rad1 -1.17/21
[23.g3= 0.01/22 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



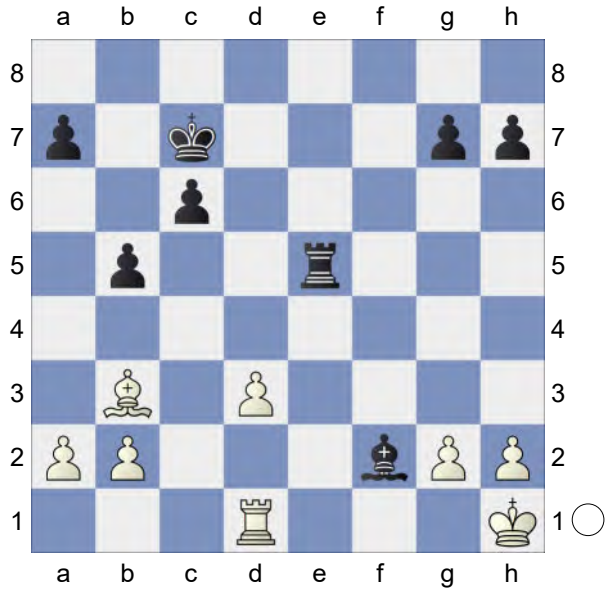
23...d3!∓ (-> …Ng3+!). Decoy **24.cxd3?** -#2/6 This move loses the game for White.

[24.g3∓ -1.34/22 Nf2+ 25.Rxf2 Bxf2 26.Rxd3]

24...Nf2+? -1.59/24

[24...Ng3+! -#2/6 mates 25.hxg3 Rh5#]

25.Rxf2 Bxf2

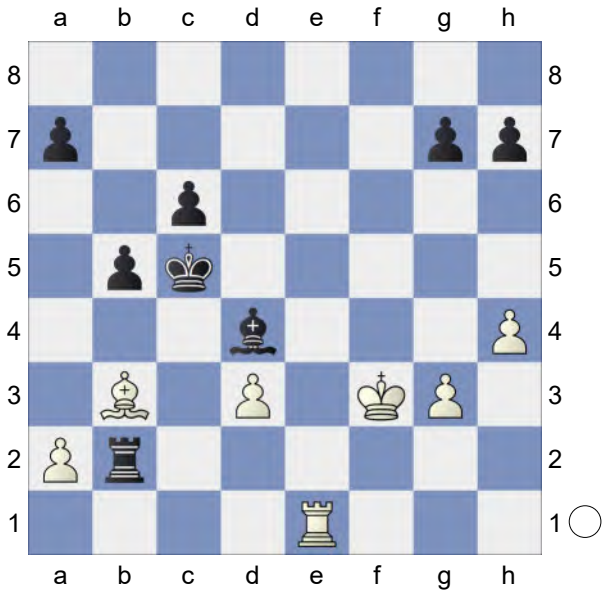


Endgame. KRB-KRB **26.g3 Re2** Prevents Rd2 **27.Kg2** -2.89/22

[⌓27.Rc1 -2.06/21]

27...Rxb2 28.Kf3 Bd4 29.h4 Kd6

30.Re1 Kc5



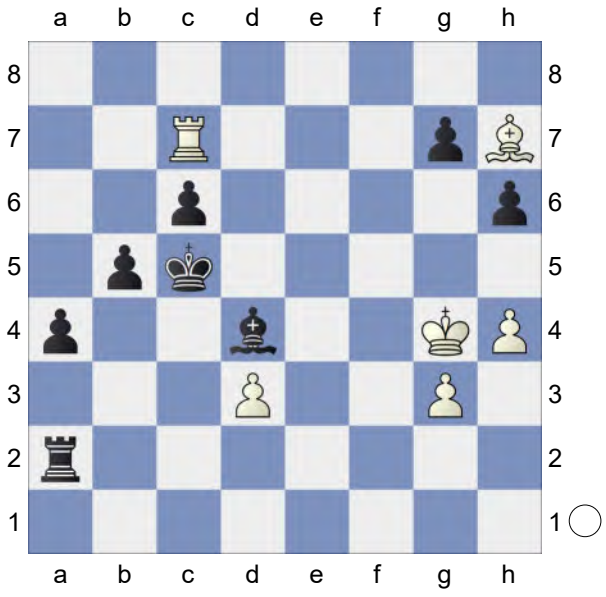
31.Re7 a5 32.Bg8 h6 33.Kg4? -3.76/21

[33.Rd7 -2.23/22 is a better defense.]

33...a4 34.Rc7 Rd2 35.Bh7? -5.74/21

[35.Kf5 -3.03/19]

35...Rxa2-+



36.Be4 Kb4 37.Rxc6 a3 38.Ra6 Rb2 39.Bd5 Rd2 40.Be4 -10.16/22

[⌓40.Kf5 -4.87/21]

40...a2

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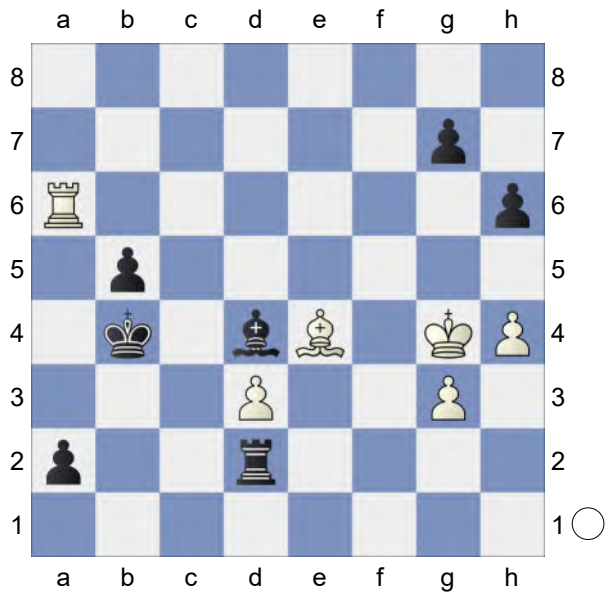
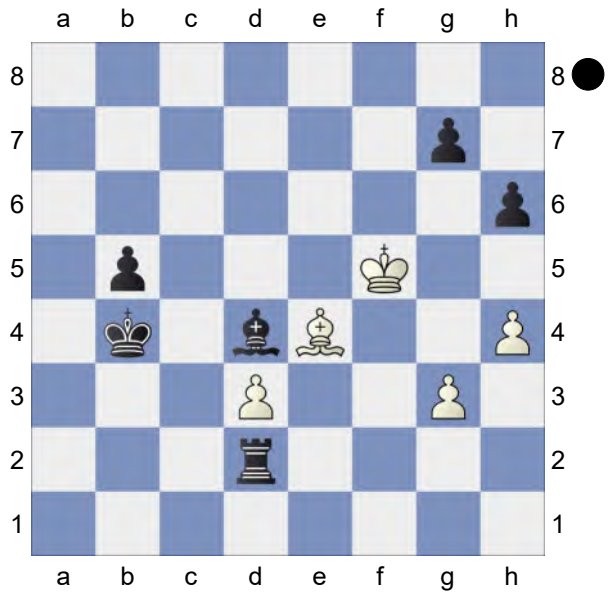


41.Bd5 a1Q 42.Rxa1 Bxa1 43.Be4 Bd4 44.Kf5



Rg2? -3.15/23 **45.g4?** -16.53/23
[45.Bxg2 -3.15/23 Kc3 46.g4]
45...Rf2+

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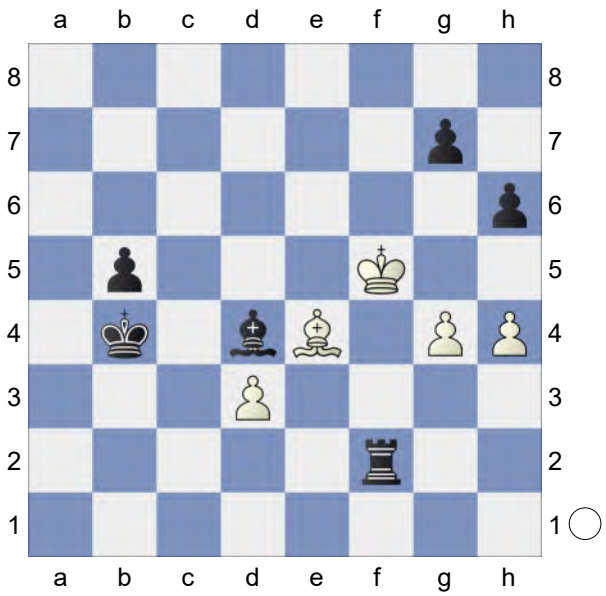

46.Ke6 g5 47.h5 Rf4 -19.43/22
[⌓47...Kc3 -#14/22 48.Bd5 b4 *(48...Kxd3? 49.Kd7-+)* 49.Ke7 b3 *(49...Kxd3? 50.Kd6-+)* 50.Bxb3 Kxb3 51.Ke6 Rf4 52.Kd6 Rxg4 53.Kd7 Rf4 54.Ke6 g4 55.Ke7 Rf6 *(55...g3* leads to mate. *56.Kd8 g2 57.Ke7 g1Q 58.Ke6 Rf6+ 59.Kd5 Kc3 60.Ke4 Qh1#)* 56.Kd8 g3 57.Ke7 g2 58.Kd7 g1Q *(58...g1R* is a self mate. *59.Kd8 Rg7 60.Ke8 Rb7 61.Kd8 Rf8#)* 59.Kd8 Qg7 60.Ke8 Rf8#]
48.Bf5

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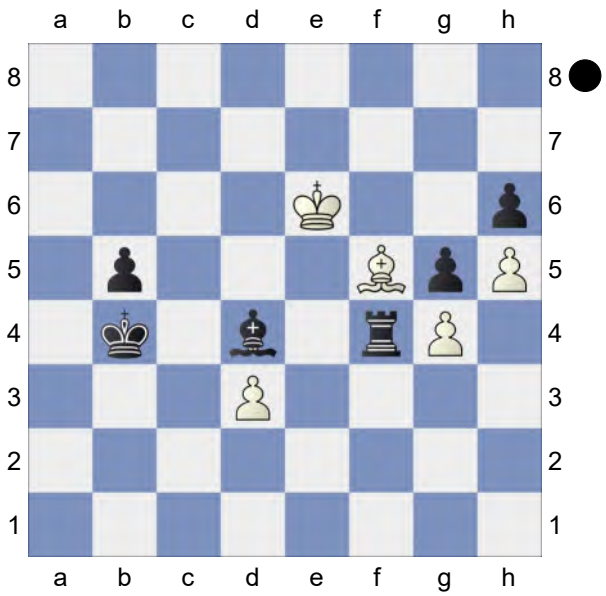

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19 **B12**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2929**
■ **Athena Pallada** **2888**
Blitz 18.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4
[1.h3]
1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be3
[5.Nge2 Be7 6.Qd3 b6 7.e5 Nfd7 8.f4 f5 9.Nd1 Ba6 10.Qh3 c5 11.c3 Nc6 12.Be3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxa6 Nc2+ 15.Kd2 Nxa1 16.Nf2 0-0 17.Rxa1 Nc5 18.Be2 Ne4+ 19.Nxe4 dxe4+ ½-½ (25) Aurel,L (2165)-Belardello,M (2007) Syre Memorial op 31st 2008 (1)]
5...dxe4
[5...Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 20.h3 1-0 (34) 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7.e3_54520 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)]

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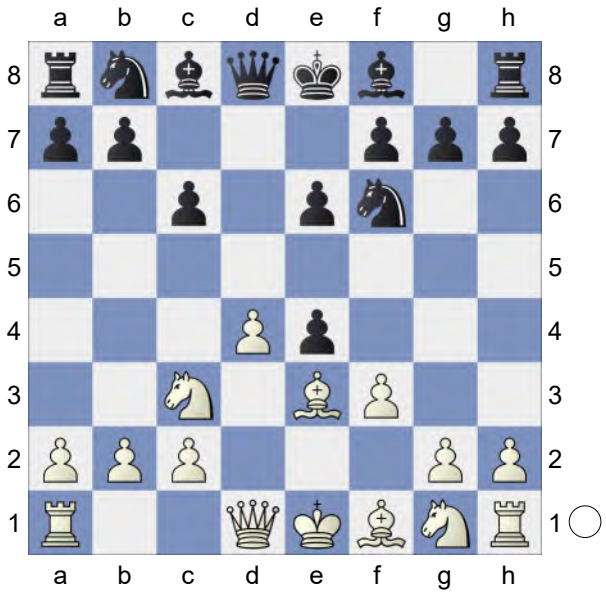
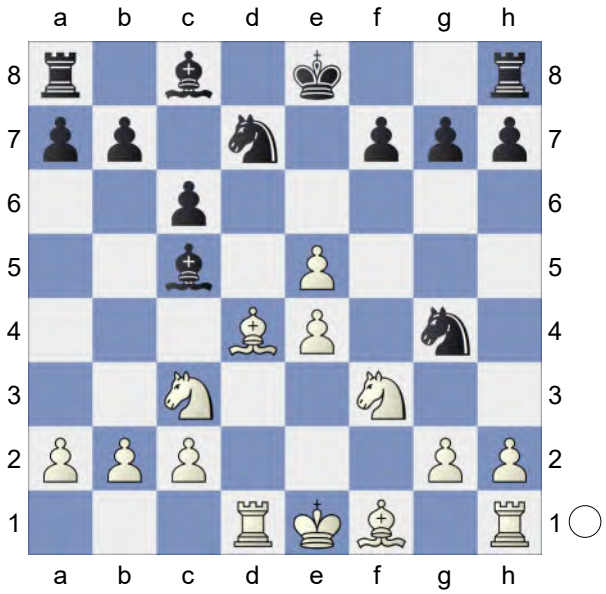
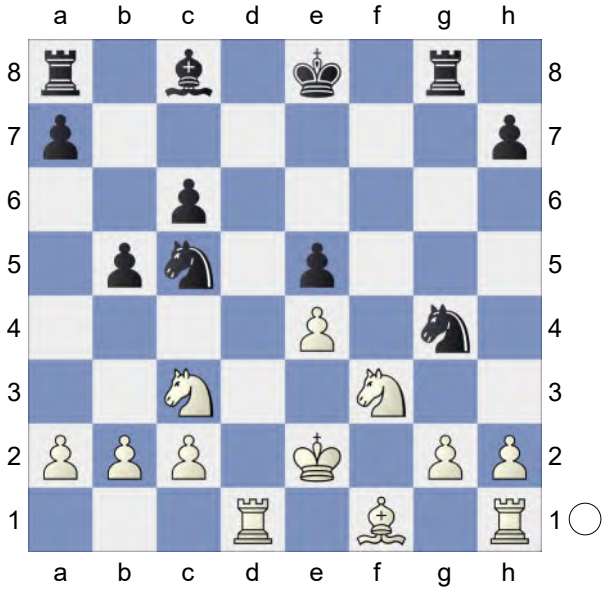


6.fxe4 e5N 0.63/19
[6...Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Nf6 10.Qxg7 Rg8 11.Qh6 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4...Nf6 / 5.]
7.dxe5± Qxd1+ 8.Rxd1 White is slightly better.
[8.Kxd1 Ng4 9.Ke2 *(9.Bd4? c5-+)* 9...Nxe3 *(9...Nxe5 10.Nf3=)* 10.Kxe3 h5=]
8...Ng4 9.Bd4 White is more active.
9...Nd7 10.Nf3 Bc5



11.e6! 0.72/21 **fxe6± 12.Bxg7 Rg8**

13.Bd4 e5 1.42/18
[Better is 13...Bxd4± 0.69/19 14.Rxd4 Ke7]
14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Ke2 0.58/21
[White should try 15.h3± 1.41/20 Nf6 *(15...Ne3 16.Rd2±)* 16.g4 *(16.Nxe5 Rg7±)*]
15...b5



16.h3 b4? 2.19/22
[Black should play 16...Nf6± 0.54/20]
17.hxg4 bxc3 18.b4
[18.Nxe5?! cxb2 *(18...Bxg4+ 19.Nxg4 Rxg4 20.Rxh7+-)* 19.Ke3 *(19.Nxc6? Bxg4+ 20.Ke3 Bxd1-+; 19.Rxh7 Be6=)* 19...Rg5± *(19...Bxg4 20.Nxg4 Rxg4 21.Rxh7±)*]
18...Nxe4 aiming for ...Ng3+. **19.Rxh7** 0.31/22
[19.Nxe5 Ng3+ *(19...Bxg4+ 20.Nxg4 Ng3+ 21.Kf3±)* 20.Ke3 Nxh1∓]
[19.Ke3± 1.54/20 Nf6 20.Nxe5]
19...Bxg4 0.73/22
[19...Nf6± 0.31/22 deserves consideration. 20.Rh6 Ba6+ 21.Ke1 Nxg4]
20.Ke3 Nd2

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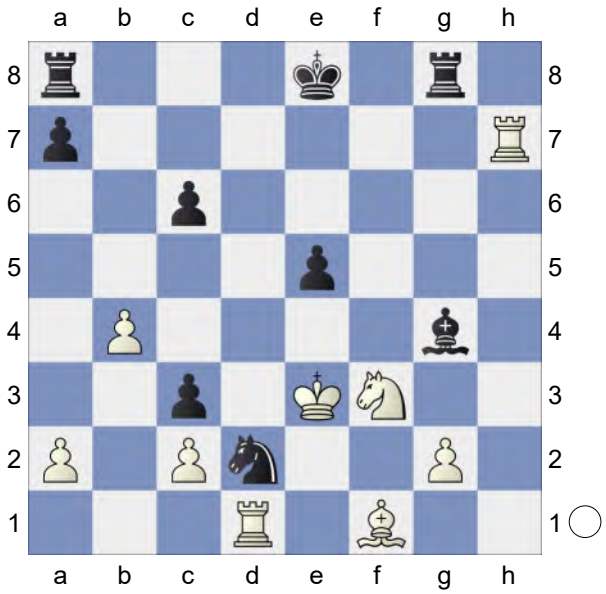

21.Ba6 Threatens to win with Rdh1.
21...Rd8 1.35/22
[21...e4!= 0.22/22 keeps the balance. 22.Nxd2 Bxd1 23.Nxe4 Bxc2 24.Nd6+ Kd8 25.Nb7+ Ke8 26.Nd6+ Kd8 27.Nb7+ Ke8 28.Nd6+ Kd8]
22.Rdh1↑ White is on the roll.
[22.Rxa7?! e4 23.Rxd2 cxd2 24.Nxd2 Bf5=]
22...Bf5 1.81/21
[22...Bxf3± 1.39/22 was called for. 23.gxf3 Rd7]
23.Rxa7+- Rh6 is the strong threat.
23...Nxf3 24.gxf3 Bxc2 25.Bc4 Rf8

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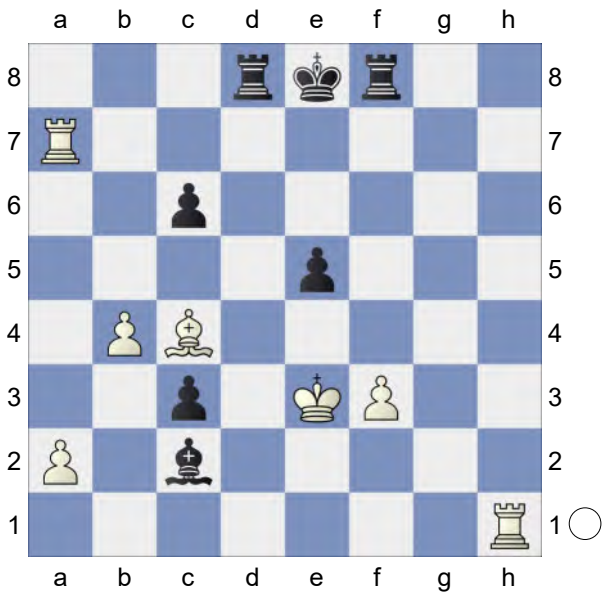
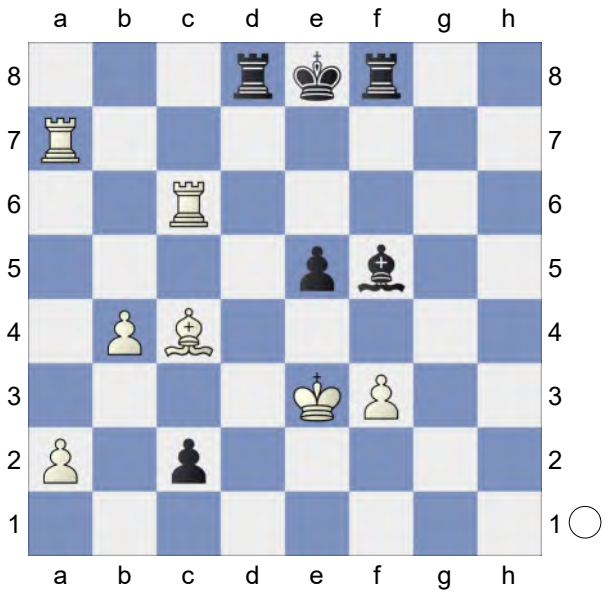


26.Rh6 Inhibits Bg6. **26...Bf5** Wards off Re6+ **27.Rxc6** And now Bb5 would win. **27...c2**



28.Bb5? 0.37/24
[28.Bb3!+- 1.97/22 Rd3+ 29.Ke2]
28...Bd7± 29.Rcc7 Strongly threatening Bd3. **29...c1Q+**
[Worse is 29...Bxb5 30.Re7#]
30.Rxc1 Bxb5

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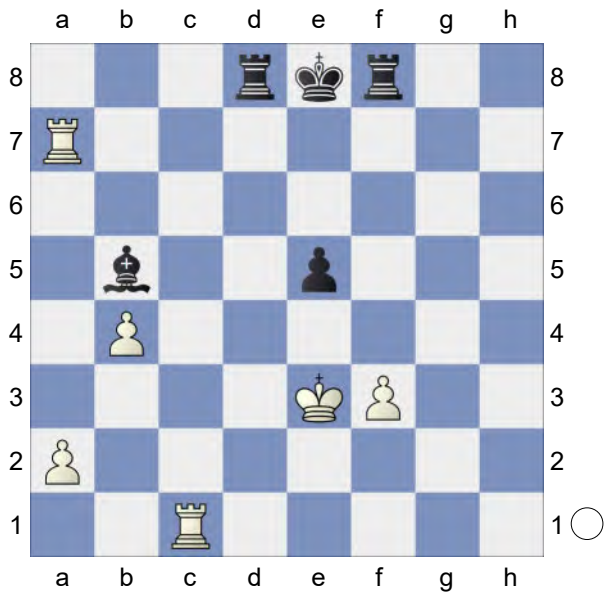
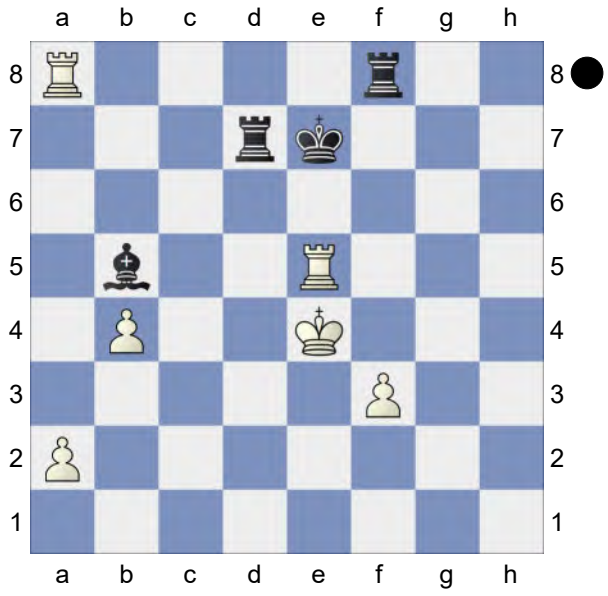


31.Rc5 Rd3+ 32.Ke4 Rd7? 5.84/28
[32...Rf4+= 0.01/23 33.Kxe5 Rxb4]
33.Ra8++-
[33.Rxe5+ Kf7 34.Rf5+ Kg6 35.Rxd7 Rxf5 36.Rd6+ Kg5=]
33...Ke7 34.Rxe5+



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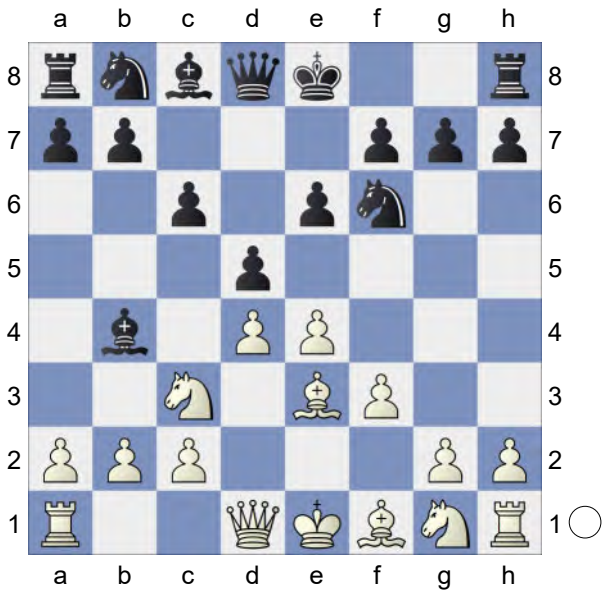
20 **B12**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2907**
■ **Hansontwitch** **2842**
Blitz 06.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be3
[5.e5 Nfd7 6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 b6 8.Be3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ne2 g6 12.c3 h5 13.Qd3 Qc8 14.Rac1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qb7 16.a3 Kf8 17.Rc3 Kg7 18.f5 exf5 19.Ng5 Nf8 1-0 (28) Laasanen,H (2386)-6.c3 ♗f5 7. ♘f3 e6 8.g3 î (2023) Commonwealth-ch 2022]
5...Bb4



6.Bd3N -0.29/21
[⌓6.e5 0.29/22 Nfd7
A) 7.a3 Bxc3+ *(7...Be7 8.f4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.b4 Nd7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.0-0 f6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4* 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4...Nf6 / 5. *)* 8.bxc3 c5 *(8...b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 20.h3 Nb8 21.Ba3 Qd7 22.Rc1 Nbc6 23.g4* 1-0 (34) 6. ♗f4 ♘bd7 7.e3_52523 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)*)* 9.f4 Nc6 10.Nf3 Qa5 11.Kf2 Quickstarter Guide-Caro Kann Fantasy: 3...e6 #1 Qa4 12.h4 b6 13.h5 h6 14.g4 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.a4 Rc8 17.Qd3 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4...Nf6 / 5.;
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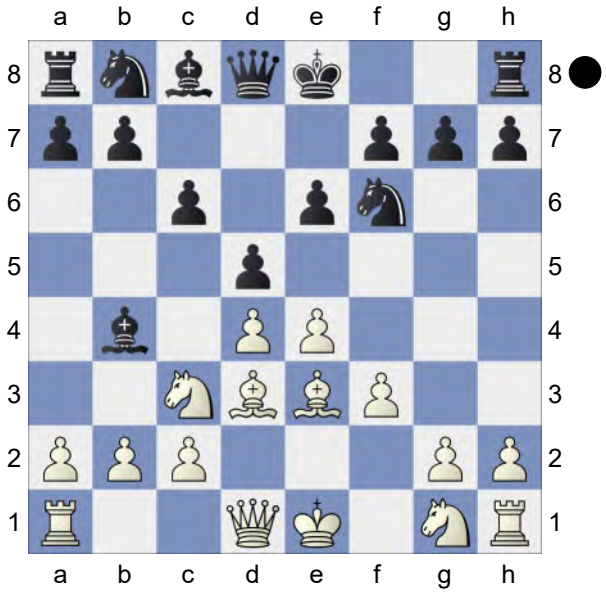
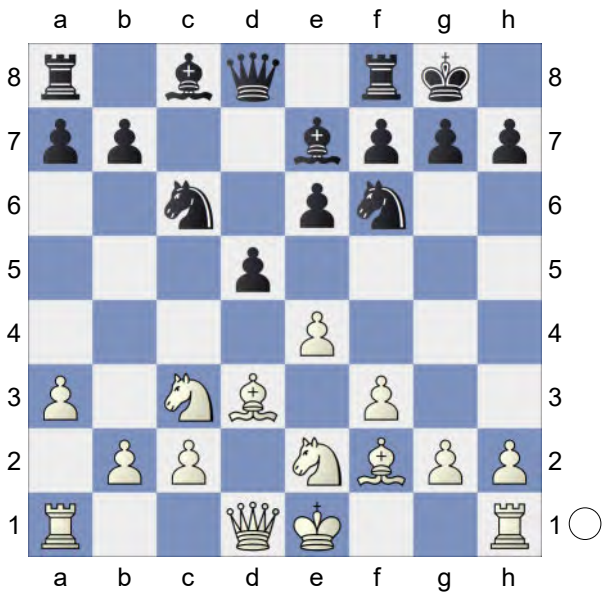
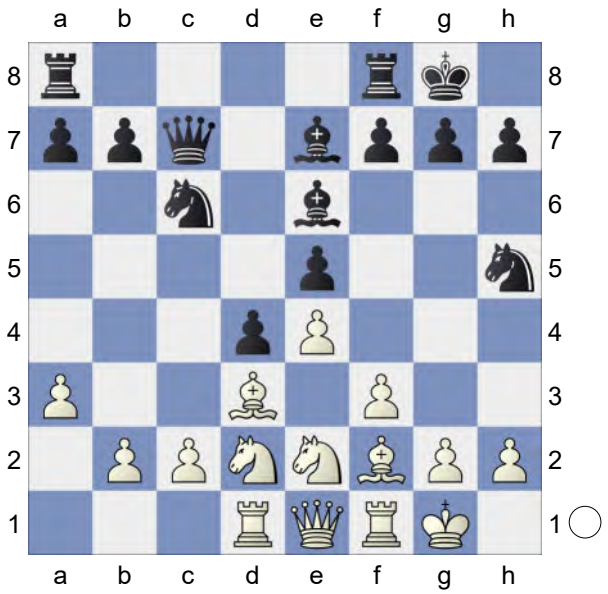


6...c5! 7.a3
[7.dxc5 Nbd7]
7...cxd4 8.Bxd4 Black has an edge.
8...Be7 9.Nge2 Nc6 10.Bf2 0-0

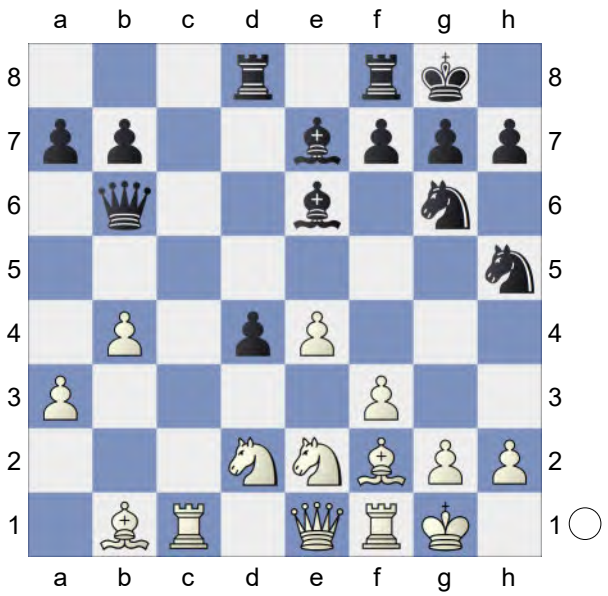
(Diagram)



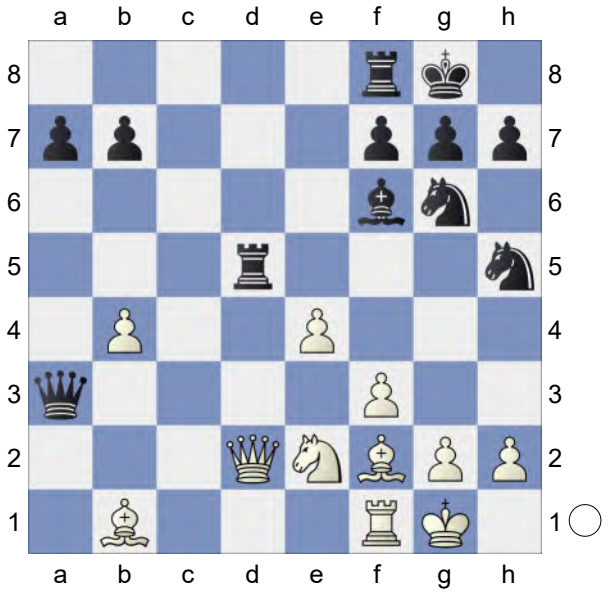
11.0-0 d4 12.Nb1 e5 13.Nd2 Nh5
14.Qe1 -0.47/18
[14.b4= -0.10/19 is superior.]
14...Be6 15.Rd1 Qc7



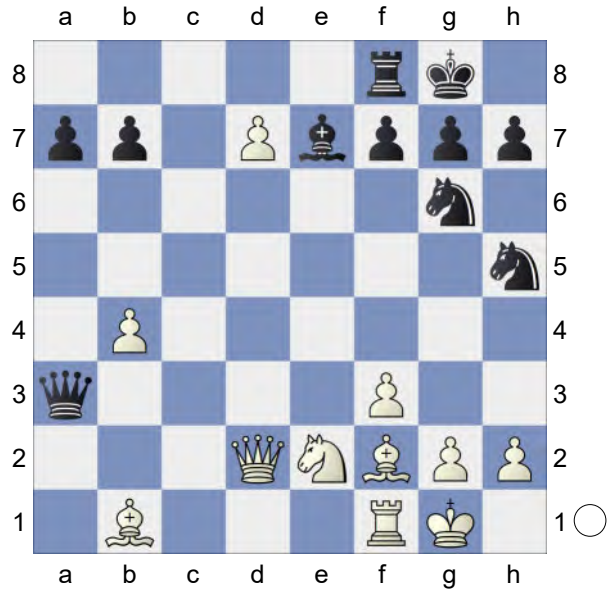
16.c3 -1.01/21
[16.Bh4∓ -0.52/19]
16...Rad8 -0.42/21
[16...dxc3!∓ -1.01/21 17.Nxc3 Nf4]
17.cxd4 exd4 18.Rc1 Qb6 19.b4 Ne5
20.Bb1 Ng6 -0.32/18
[Better is 20...Qa6∓ -0.77/21 21.Bxd4 Bg5]



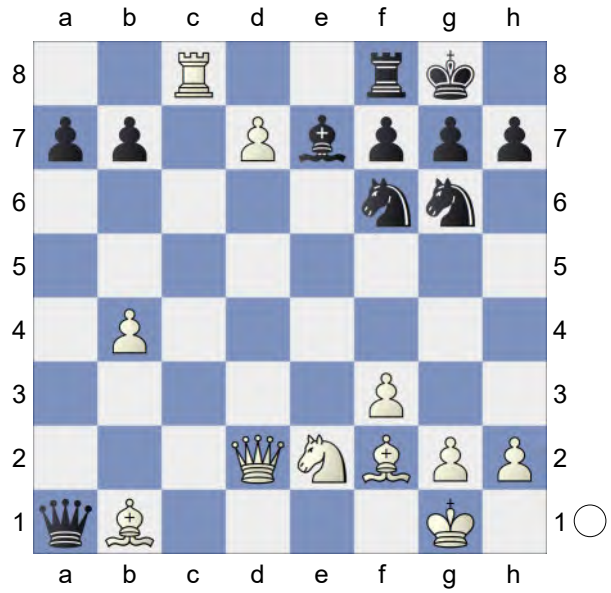
21.Nc4 -1.12/20
[21.Kh1∓ -0.32/18]
21...Bxc4 -0.16/20
[21...Qa6∓ -1.12/20 22.Na5 d3]
22.Rxc4= Qa6 23.Rxd4 Qxa3 24.Qd2
[24.Qc1!? Qa6 25.Bd3=]
24...Bf6 25.Rd5
[25.Qd3 simplifies Qxd3 26.Rxd3 Rxd3 27.Bxd3 Nhf4 28.Nxf4 Nxf4 29.Rd1]
25...Rxd5 0.84/20
[25...Be7!= 0.01/19]



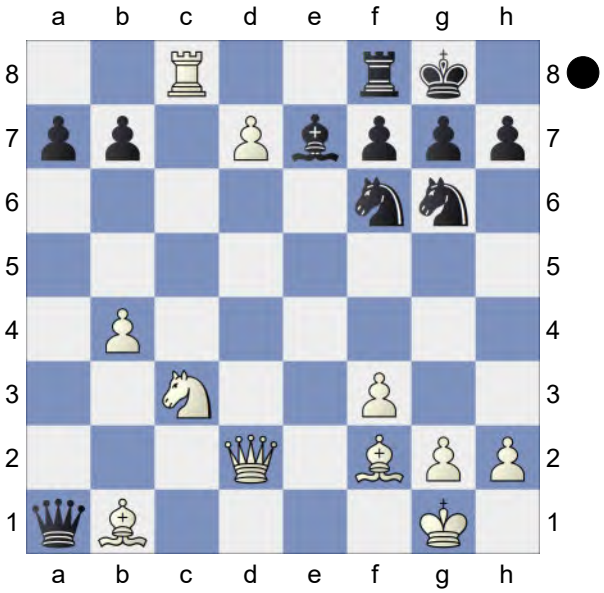
26.exd5± Be7 2.05/21
[26...Bb2± 0.68/18]
27.d6+- Bd8 28.d7 Be7



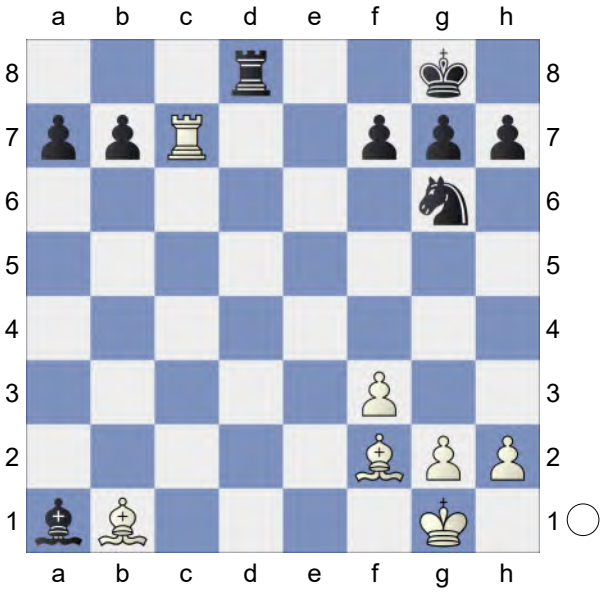
29.Rc1! Nf6 30.Rc8 1.33/22
[30.Bc5+- 2.77/21 aiming for Bxe7. Nxd7 31.Bxe7 *(31.Qxd7 Bxc5+ 32.Rxc5 Qxb4+-)*]
30...Qa1±



31.Nc3 -0.11/22
[31.d8B?! Bxd8 *(31...Qxb1+ 32.Rc1=)* 32.Rc1 Qa4∓]
[31.Qd1± 1.15/21 Rxf8+ is the strong threat. Rd8 *(31...Nxd7? 32.Rc1+-)* 32.Bc5]

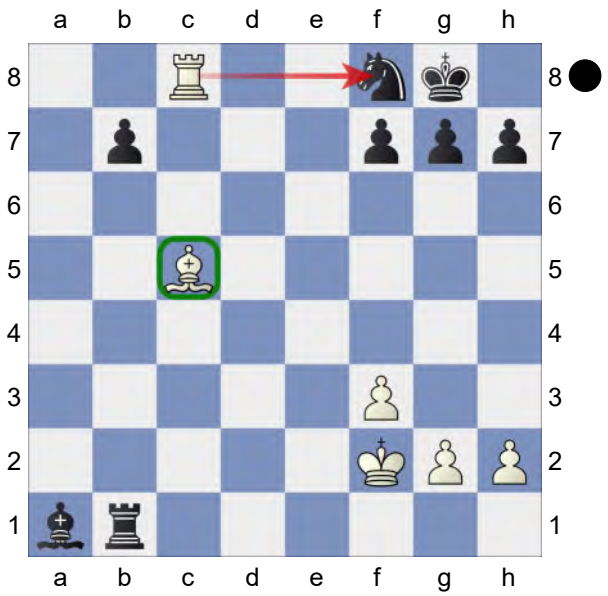


White is much more active. **31...Nxd7= 32.Qxd7**
[32.Rc7 Bxb4]
32...Bxb4 33.Qa4 Prevents b6
33...Bxc3 34.Qxa1 Bxa1 35.Rc7
[35.Rxf8+ Nxf8 36.Bxa7 Ne6]
35...Rd8

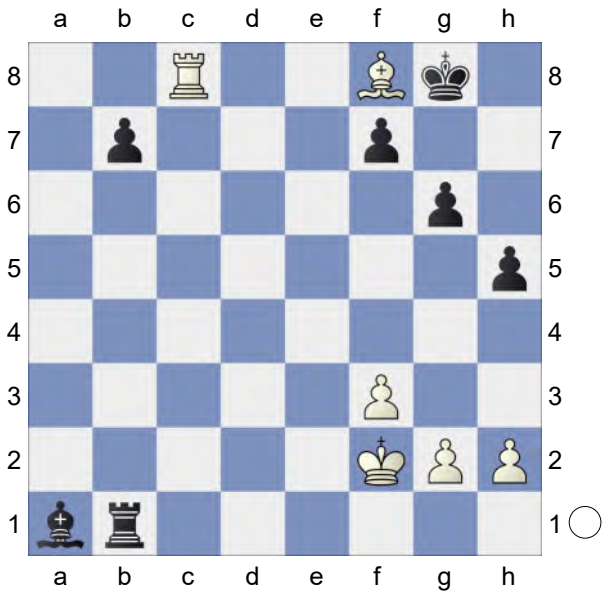


36.Bxa7 Rd1+ 37.Kf2 Rc8+ would now be deadly. **37...Rxb1 38.Rc8+ Nf8 39.Bc5**

(Diagram)



g6! 40.Bxf8∓ Endgame. KRB-KRB
40...h5



41.g4 hxg4 -0.88/20
[⌓41...Kh7 -1.31/17 42.Bd6 hxg4 43.fxg4 b5]
42.fxg4 Kh7 43.h4 Bf6 44.g5 Be5 45.Kf3 b5

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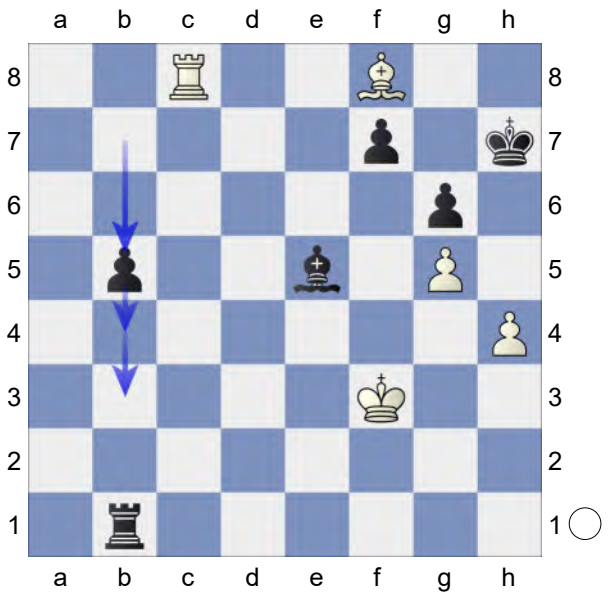
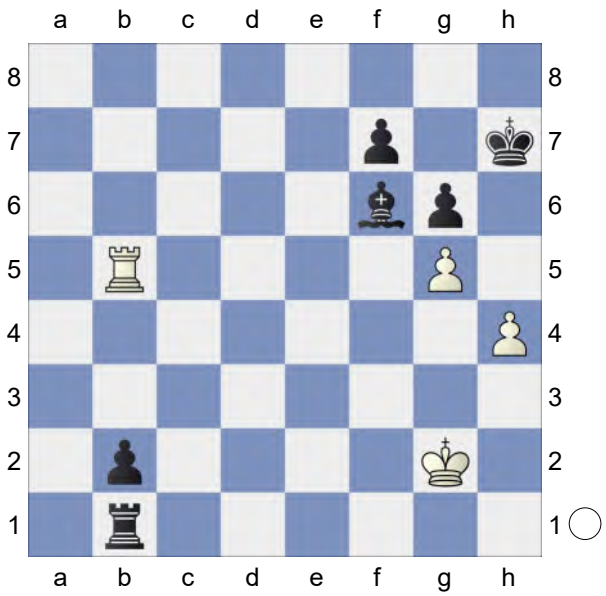
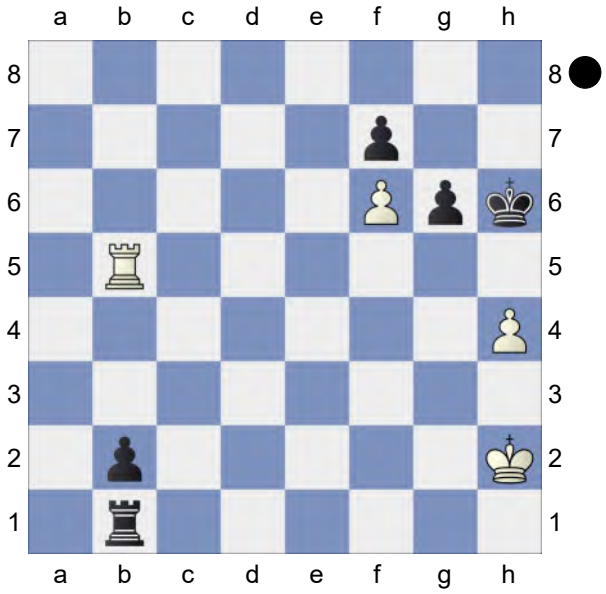


Strongly threatening ...b4. **46.Be7 b4 47.Rc5** -2.36/26
[47.Kg2∓ -0.86/26 is a better defense.]
47...Bg7 -0.86/27
[47...b3-+ -2.36/26 is more deadly. 48.Rxe5 Rf1+ 49.Ke2 b2 50.Kxf1 b1Q+ *(50...b1B 51.Bf6 Bd3+ 52.Kg1)* 51.Kf2 Qb2+ 52.Re2 Qd4+ 53.Kf3 Qd5+ *(53...Qxh4 54.Bf6=)* 54.Kg3 Qd3+ 55.Kf2 Qd4+ 56.Kf3 f5 *(56...Qxh4 57.Bf6=)* 57.gxf6 Qd5+ *(57...Qxh4 58.Rf2=)* 58.Kg3 Qd3+ 59.Kf2 Qd4+ 60.Kg2 Qg4+ *(60...Qxh4 61.f7=)* 61.Kf1 Qc4 *(61...Qxh4 62.f7=)*]
48.Rb5 b3 And now ...b2 would win.
49.Kg2 b2 50.Bf6 Bxf6

(Diagram)



51.gxf6 KR-KR **51...Kh6 52.Kh2**



Rf1! 53.Rxb2 Rxf6 Hoping for ...Kh5. **54.Kg3 Rf5 55.Rb8 Kh5?** #1/6
[55...Ra5∓ -0.91/32 56.Rh8+ Kg7]

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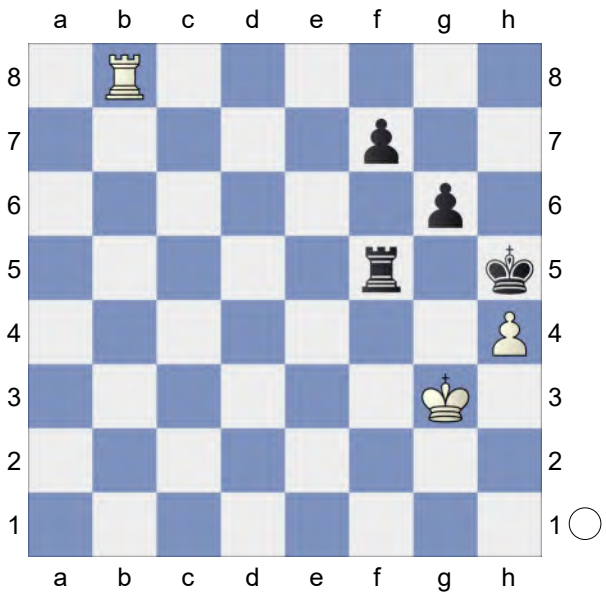
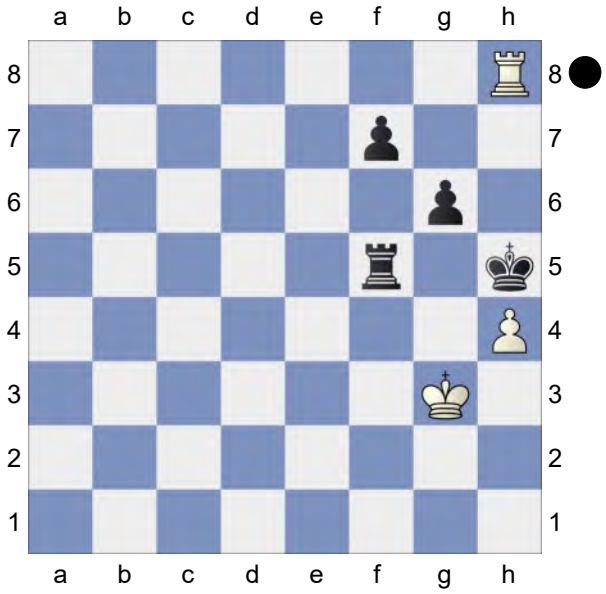


56.Rh8#



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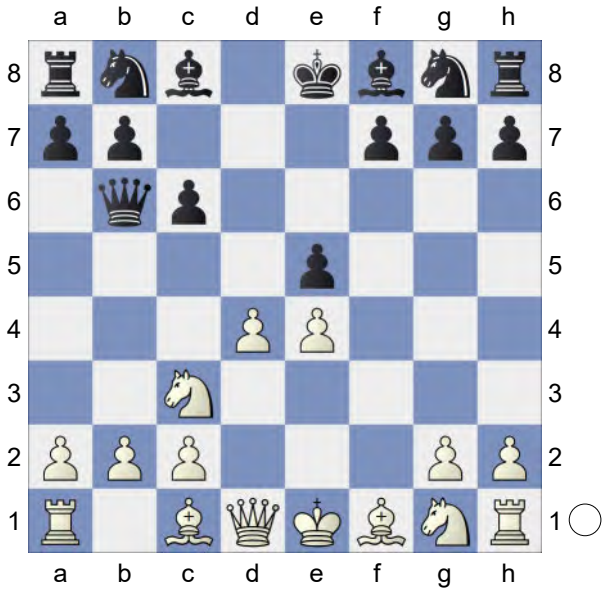
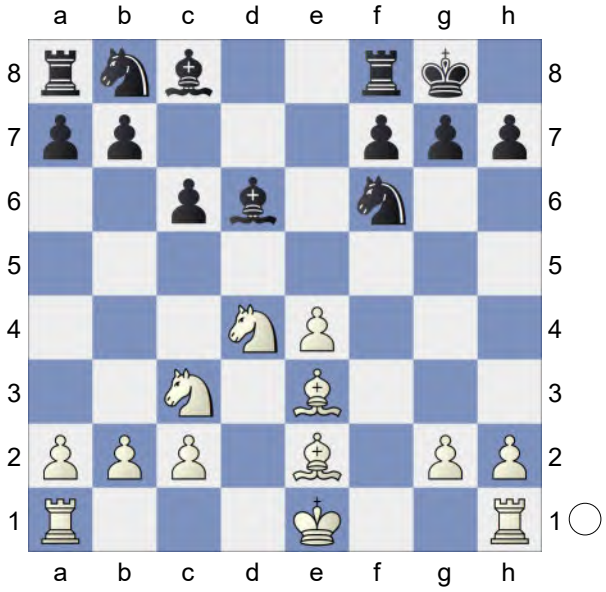
21 **B12**
□ **Fiji55** **2916**
■ **Kukhmazov,A** **2828**
Blitz 27.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.fxe4 e5

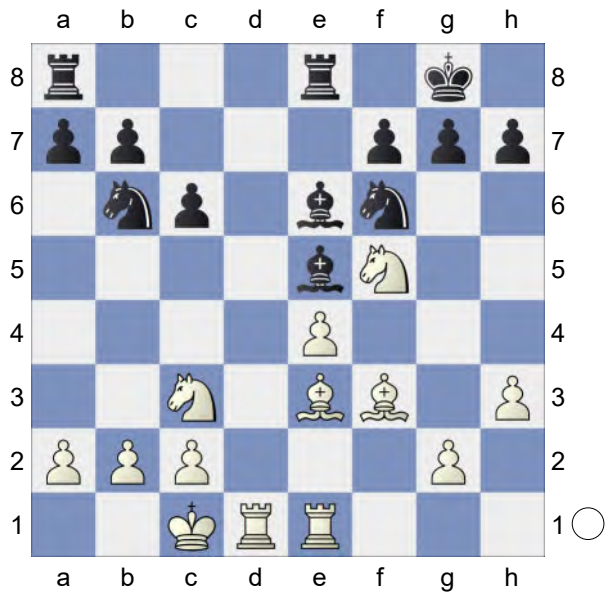


6.Nf3 exd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4N
[7...Be6 8.Bf4 Ne7 9.Bd6 Ng6 10.Bxf8 Rxf8 11.0-0-0 Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 Nbd7 15.Be2 0-0-0 16.g4 Kc7 17.g5 Rh8 18.h4 h6 19.Ne4 hxg5 20.hxg5 Nb6 21.Rxh8 Rxh8 22.f6 (50) Gurevich,M (2563)-Tymrakiewicz,R (2690) USSR 52/50 1991 g6 23.c4 Nbxc4 24.Bxc4 Nxc4 25.Nc5 Nd6 26.Re1 Re8 27.Rxe8 Nxe8 28.Kd2 b6 29.Nd3 Kd6 30.Ke3 Nc7 31.Ke4 Ne6 32.Ne5 Nxg5+ 33.Kf4 Ne6+ 34.Ke4 Nd8 35.Kf4 Ke6 36.Ng4 Nb7 37.Kg5 (50) Yoo,C (2563)-Xiong,J (2690) (ch) 154/(42) 2022 Nc5 38.Nf2 Nd7 39.Nd3 Nxf6 40.Nb4 c5 41.Nc6 a5 42.Nd8+ Ke7 43.Nc6+ Kd7 44.Ne5+ Ke6 45.Nc4 Nd7 46.a4 Kd5 47.b3 Kd4 48.Nd6 Kc3 49.Nxf7 Kxb3 50.Kf4 Kxa4 Yoo,C (2563)-Xiong,J (2690) USA (ch) 154/(42) 2022]
8.Nxd4 The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Be3 Nf6 10.Be2 0-0**

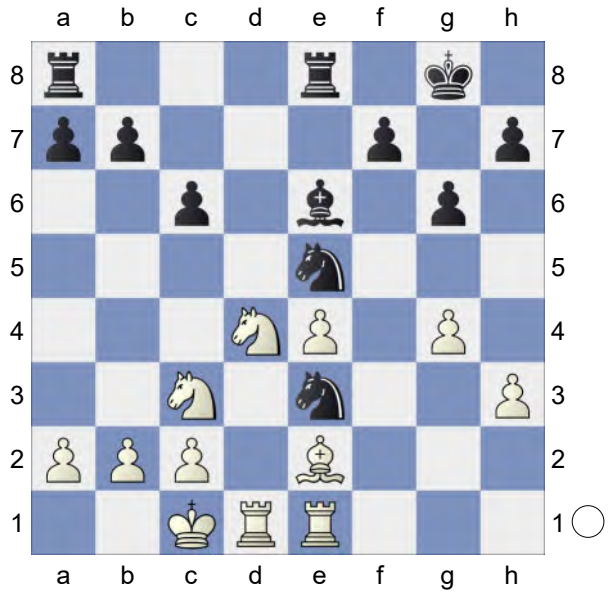


11.Bf3 Re8 12.0-0-0 Be5 13.h3 Nbd7 14.Rhe1 Nb6 15.Nf5? -1.35/23
[15.Bf2= 0.17/17]
15...Be6 0.01/19
[15...Bxf5∓ -1.35/23 16.Bxb6 *(16.exf5? Bg3-+)* 16...Nxe4 17.Nxe4 axb6]

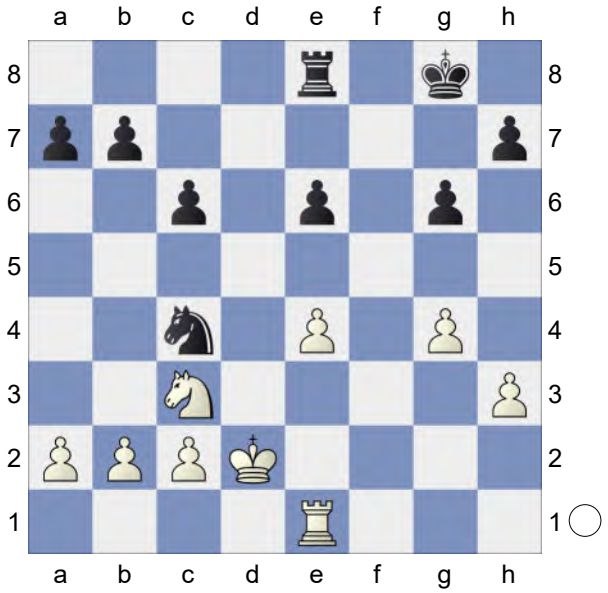
(Diagram)



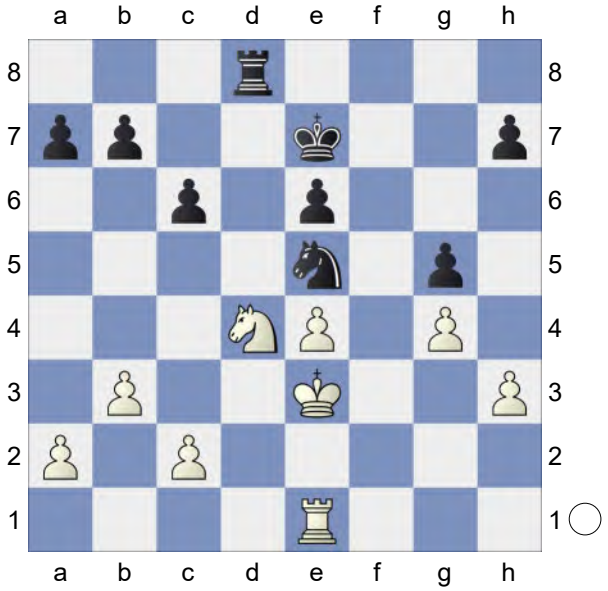
16.g4 -1.06/23
[16.Bd4= 0.01/19 Nbd7 17.Bg1]
16...Nc4∓ Strongly threatening ...Bxf5.
17.Bd4 -1.74/23
[17.Bg5∓ -1.08/21]
17...Nd7? 0.06/18
[17...Bxf5-+ -1.74/23 18.gxf5 *(18.exf5? Bf4+ 19.Kb1 Rxe1-+)* 18...Bf4+ 19.Kb1 Nd2+ 20.Rxd2 Bxd2]
18.Bxe5 Ndxe5 19.Be2 g6 20.Nd4 Ne3



21.Rd2 Rad8 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Bd3 N3c4 24.Bxc4 Rxd2! 25.Kxd2 Nxc4+=

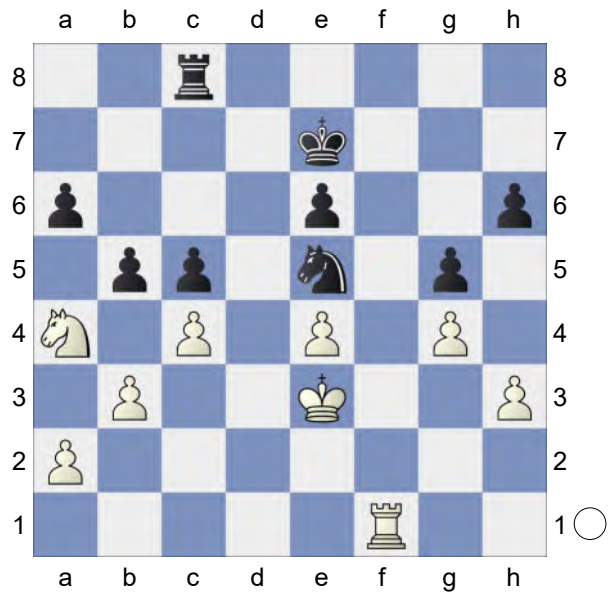


Endgame. KRN-KRN **26.Ke2 Kf7 27.b3 Ne5 28.Ke3 g5 29.Ne2 Rd8 30.Nd4 Ke7**



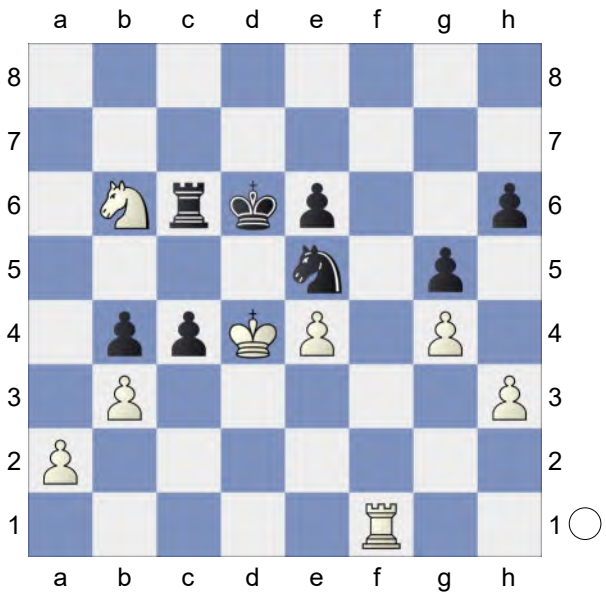
31.Rf1 c5 32.Ne2 h6 33.Nc3 a6 -0.27/21
[33...Rh8∓ -0.82/23]
34.Na4 Rc8 35.c4 -0.72/23
[35.Nb2= -0.15/23]
35...b5∓

(Diagram)

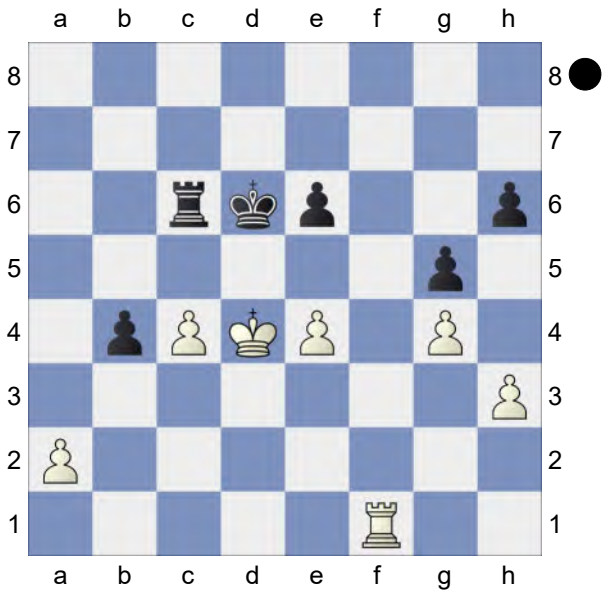


36.cxb5 -1.55/25
[36.Nb2∓ -0.62/25]
36...axb5 37.Nc3 b4 -1.14/23
[37...Rd8-+ -1.62/23 38.Nxb5 Rd3+ Skewer 39.Ke2 Rxh3]
38.Na4 c4 -0.29/26
[38...Rc7∓ -0.99/24 ...c4 would now be deadly. 39.Nb2 Ra7]
39.Kd4 -1.16/24
[39.Nb6!= -0.29/26 Rc7 *(39...Rc6 40.Nxc4 Nxc4+ 41.bxc4±)* 40.Nxc4 *(40.Kd4 cxb3 41.axb3 Ng6=)* 40...Nxc4+ 41.bxc4 Rxc4 42.Rb1]
39...Kd6 40.Nb6 Rc6 -0.01/23
[Better is 40...Rc5∓ -1.07/25 And now ...cxb3 would win. 41.Nxc4+ *(41.bxc4? too greedy. Nc6+ 42.Kd3 Ra5-+)* 41...Nxc4 42.bxc4 e5+ Deflection 43.Ke3 *(43.Kd3 Ra5∓)* 43...Ra5 *(43...Rxc4 44.Rd1+ Kc6 45.Rd3∓)* 44.Rd1+ Kc6]

(Diagram)



41.Nxc4+
[41.Nd5!?]
41...Nxc4 42.bxc4=



Black must now prevent e5+. KR-KR
42...e5+ 43.Kd3 Kc5 44.Rf5 Rd6+ -0.17/28
[44...Re6∓ -0.83/26]
45.Ke3 -1.09/31
[45.Kc2= -0.17/28]
45...Kxc4∓

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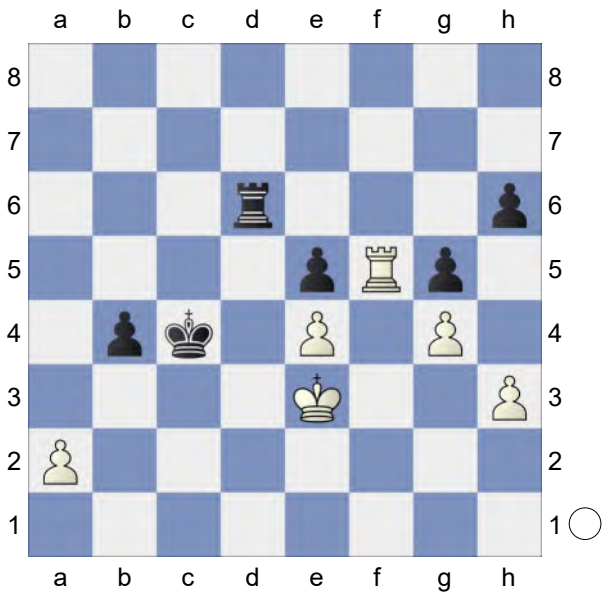
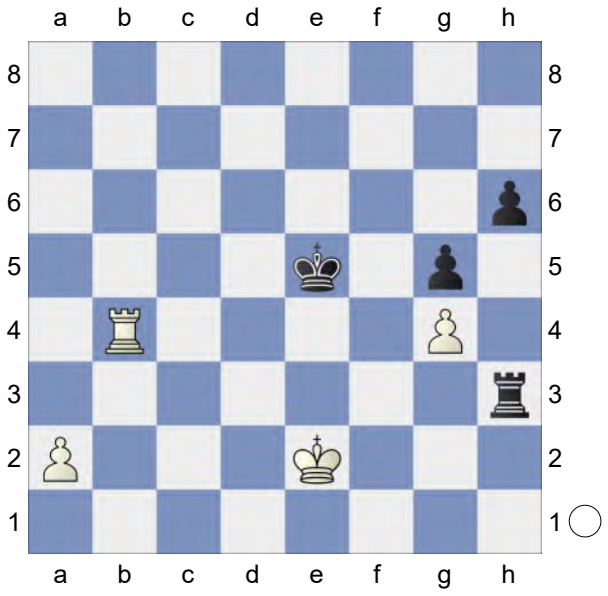


Threatens to win with ...Rd3+. **46.Rxe5 Rd3+ 47.Ke2 Rxh3 48.Ra5 Kd4** -0.01/23

[48...Rg3∓ -0.71/24 49.Ra8 Rxg4]

49.Ra4 Kxe4 50.Rxb4+ Ke5



51.a4 Ra3 52.Kd2 Kf6 53.Kc2 Kg6 54.Kb2 Re3 55.a5 Re7 0.92/24

[55...h5= 0.01/23 keeps the balance.]

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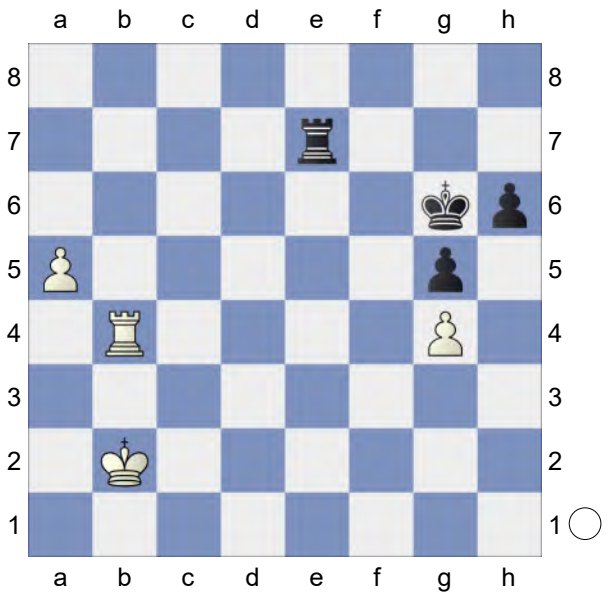
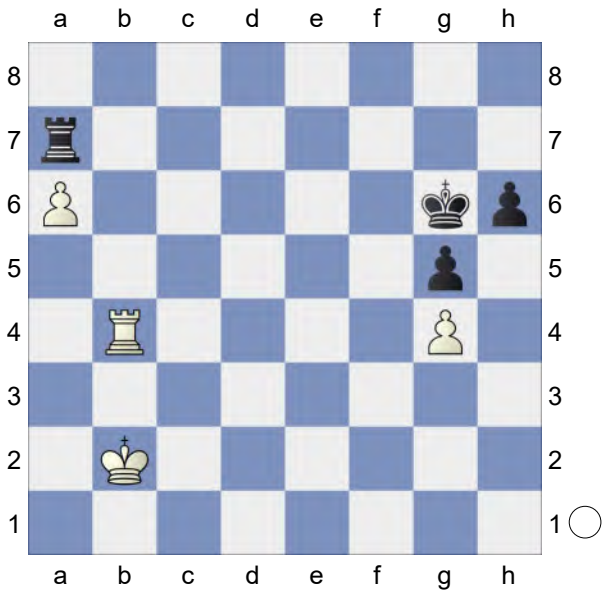


56.a6± Intending Rb6+ and mate.

56...Ra7? #14/25

[56...Re8± 0.98/24]



57.Rb6+ Kg7 58.Rb7+

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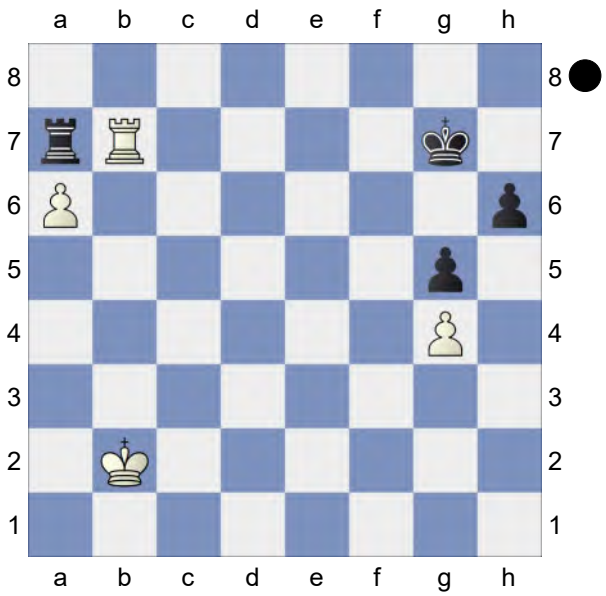

Never resign too early!
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22 **B12**
□ **Mrdalica** **2848**
■ **Killerm3000** **2675**
Blitz 30.08.2023
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
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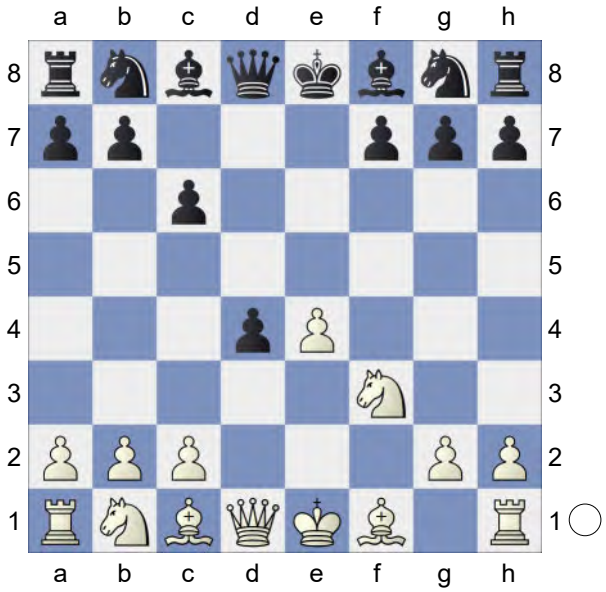
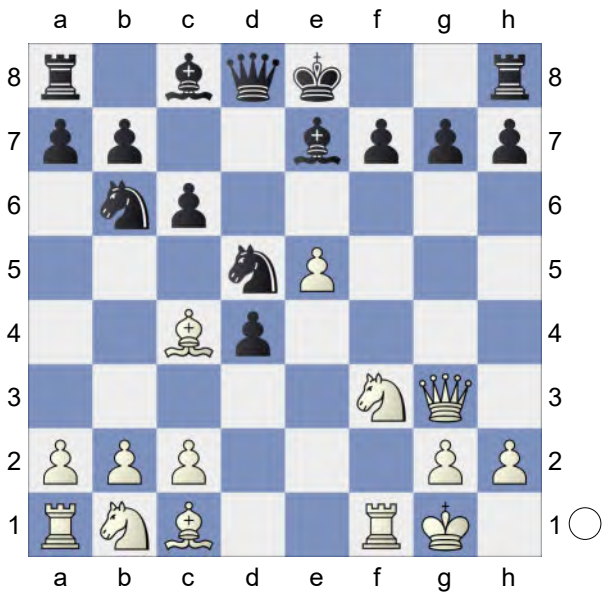
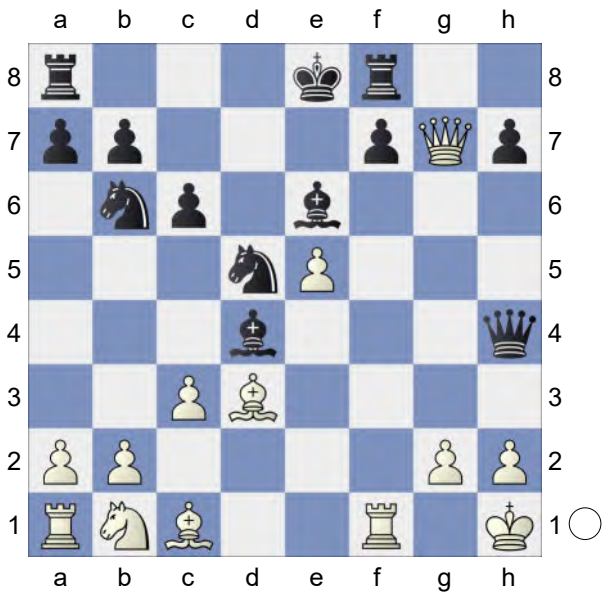


6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 Threatens to win with Ng5! White has compensation. **7...Ngf6**
8.Qe1 Be7 0.49/17
[8...Bc5= 0.09/19]
[8...Qc7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ng5 Bc5 11.Bxd5 cxd5 12.Bf4 0-0 13.e6 Qb6 14.exf7+ Kh8 15.Nxh7 d3+ 16.Kh1 Rxf7 17.Ng5 Rf5 18.Nd2 Nf8 19.g4 Rxg5 20.Bxg5 1-0 9.♕f3 e6 10.b3 (2320)-Martins,E (2354) USSR 33/668 1982]
9.e5!± Nd5! 10.Qg3
[10.Nxd4 Bc5 11.c3 0-0=]
10...N7b6N 0.97/19
[10...g6!± 0.54/17 should be considered. 11.Bxd5 cxd5 12.Nxd4 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 Sidelines: 4...e5 /]

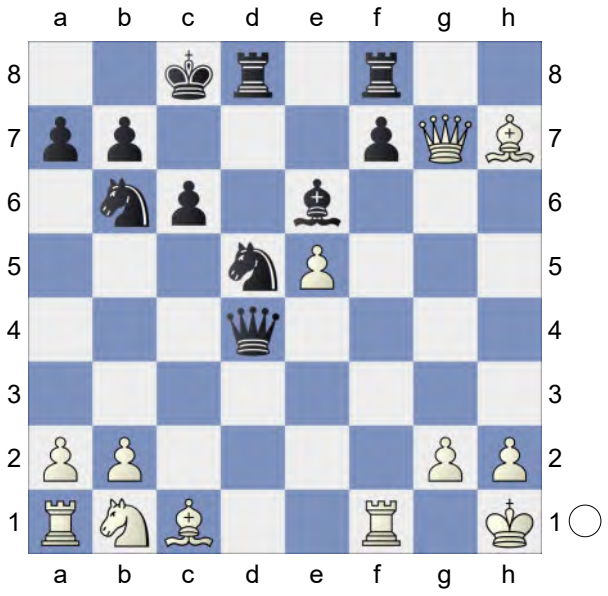


11.Bd3 0.13/19
[White should play 11.Qxg7± 0.97/19 Rf8 12.Bb3]
11...Be6 0.78/20
[11...g6!= 0.13/19]
12.Qxg7± Rf8 13.Nxd4? -0.80/21
[13.Bh6± 0.75/19 keeps the pressure on. Kd7 14.Bxh7 *(14.Nxd4 Bc5=)*]
13...Bc5∓ 14.c3 Qh4 0.32/22
[14...Nxc3!∓ -1.48/22 15.bxc3 Bxd4+ 16.Kh1 Bxe5 Discovered Attack 17.Qxe5 Qxd3]
15.Kh1± Bxd4

(Diagram)



16.cxd4 Hoping for Bg5.
[Much weaker is 16.Bg5 Qg4 17.cxd4 Ne3-+]
16...Qxd4 0.82/21
[16...0-0-0!= 0.10/21 keeps the balance.]
17.Bxh7± 0-0-0



18.Nc3! 0.11/19 **Nxc3= 19.bxc3 Qxc3 20.Bg5 Rde8**

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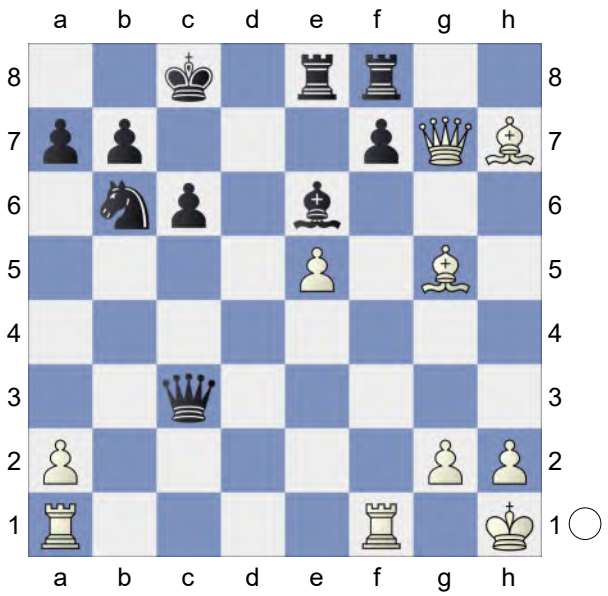
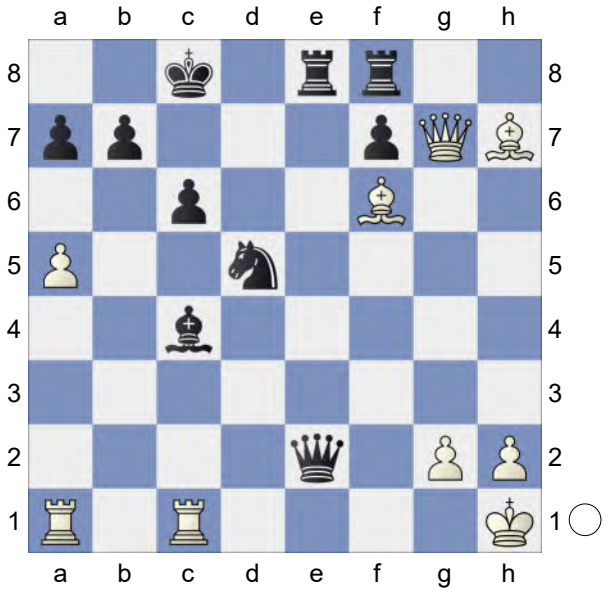
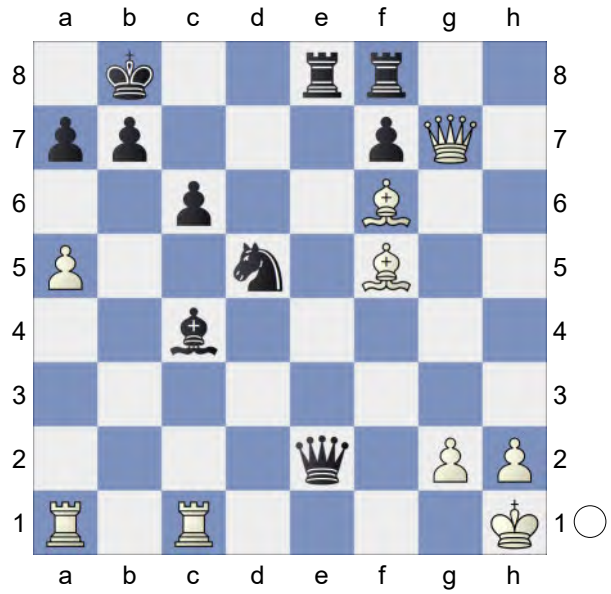


21.a4 Bc4 0.57/21
[21...Nd7= 0.01/18]
22.Rfc1± Qxe5 23.Bf6K White is not keeping still
[23.Bh6!? Qd5 24.Qg4+ f5 25.Qg5±]
23...Qe2 24.a5 Nd5 0.71/23
[24...Nd7!= -0.05/22]



25.Bf5+ 0.01/21 This pair of bishops is nice.
[25.Bd4!± 0.71/23 Rc2! would now be deadly. Nc7 26.Bxa7]

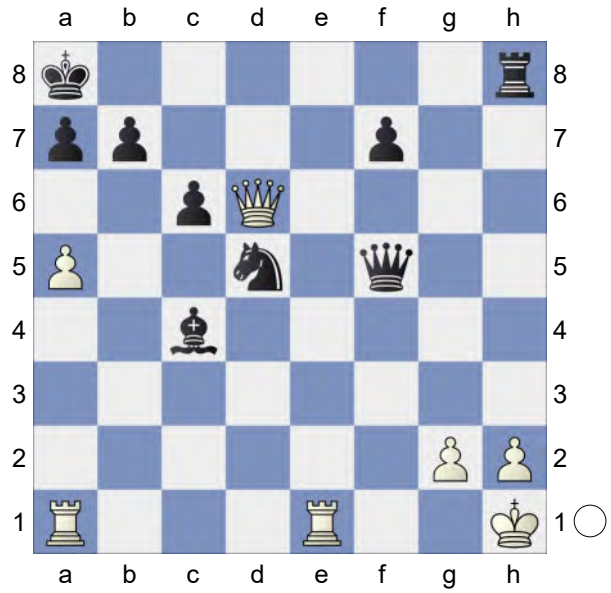
25...Kb8=



26.Qg3+ Ka8 27.Re1 Qh5 28.Bg7 -2.77/23 This costs White the game.

[28.Rxe8+= 0.01/21 and White stays safe. Rxe8 29.Bd7]

28...Qxf5-+ 29.Bxf8 Rxf8 30.Qd6 Rh8



31.a6 Bxa6

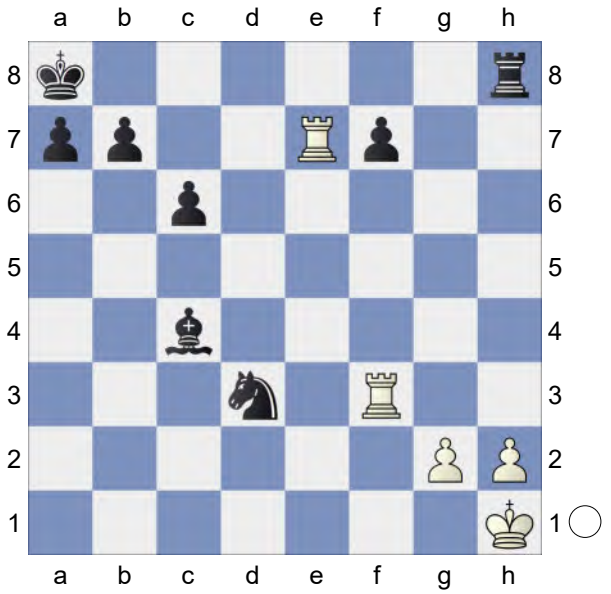
[31...bxa6? perishes. 32.Qxc6+ Kb8 33.Qxc4+-]

32.Ra3 -4.32/20

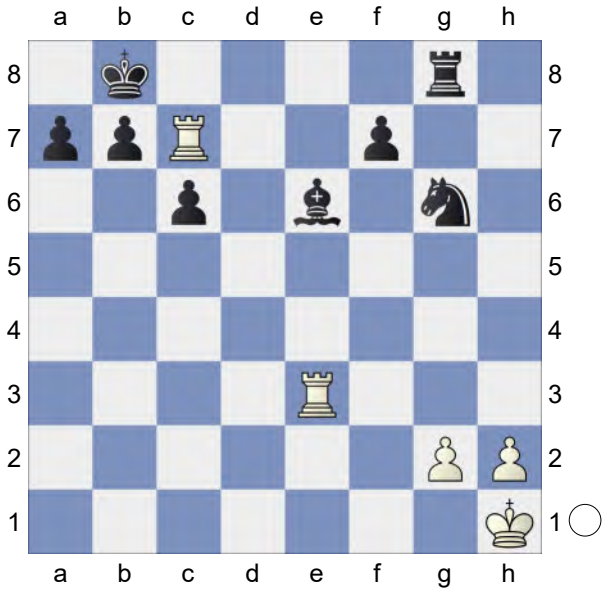
[32.Rxa6 -2.60/21 bxa6 33.Qxc6+ Kb8 34.Qxa6]

32...Qf4 33.Qxf4 Nxf4 34.Rf3 Nd3

Black is clearly winning. **35.Re7 Bc4**



36.Rd7 Ne5 37.Rh3 Rg8 38.Re7 Be6 39.Re3 Ng6 40.Rc7 Kb8



41.Rxe6 fxe6

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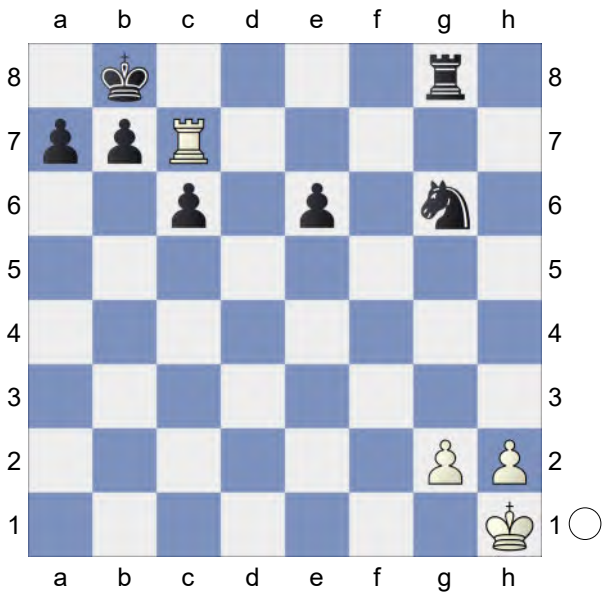

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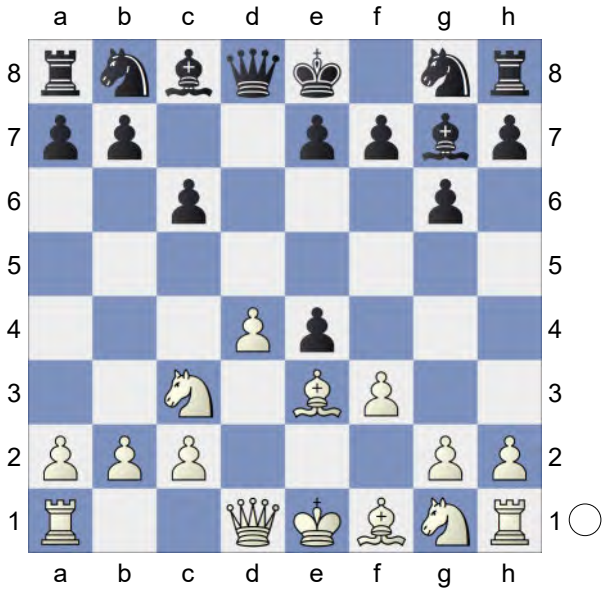
23 **B12**
□ **Federer Roger1981** **2921**
■ **Athena Pallada** **2985**
Blitz 05.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 dxe4



6.fxe4 Nf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Qd2

[8.h3 a5 9.a4 Na6 10.Bc4 Nb4 11.0-0 b6 12.Ng5 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.e5 e6 16.Nge4 c5 17.Rad1 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Qe7 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Bc5 Nxc5 22.Rxd7 Nxd7 _ - _ (50) Cori T.,D (2135)-7.... ♘f5 (2129) (ol) 50/217 Novi Sad 1990 (2)]

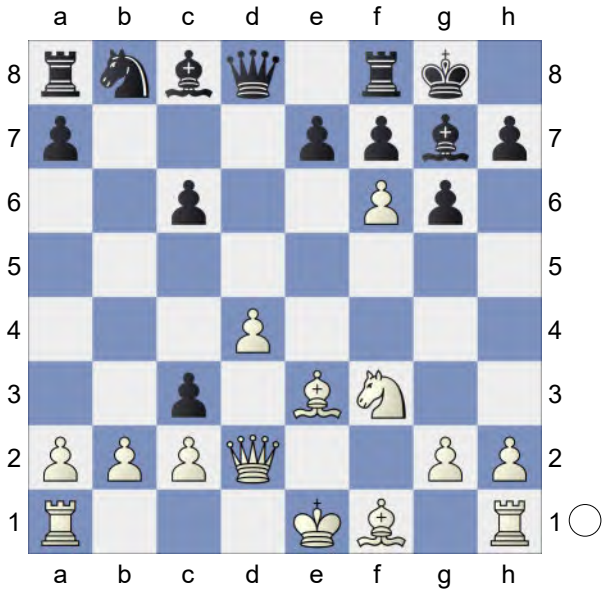
8...b5 9.e5N

[9.Bd3 Ng4 10.0-0 Nxe3 11.Qxe3 a6 12.Ne2 c5 13.c3 c4 14.Bc2 Nc6 15.e5 e6 16.Be4 Bb7 17.h4 Qb6 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 19.Ng3 f5 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Rf2 Rae8 22.Re1 Qd5 23.Ree2 Qd8 1-0 (31) 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3_19543 (2010)-8.d5 ♘a6_63270 (1788) 27/56 United States 1979 (5)]

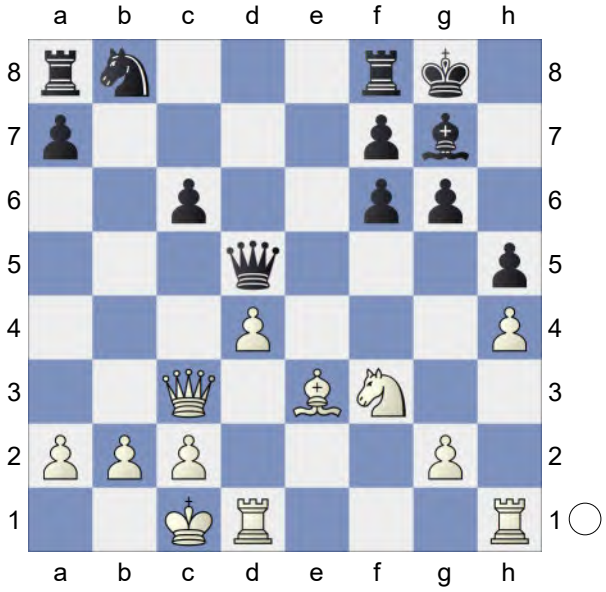
9...b4 10.exf6 -0.01/21

[10.Na4± 0.61/19 Nd5 11.Bf2]

10...bxc3=



11.Qxc3 exf6 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.h4 h5 14.Bc4 Bd5 15.Bxd5 Qxd5



16.Qb3 Nd7 17.Qxd5 cxd5 18.Rhe1 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Nf8 20.Rd3 Ne6

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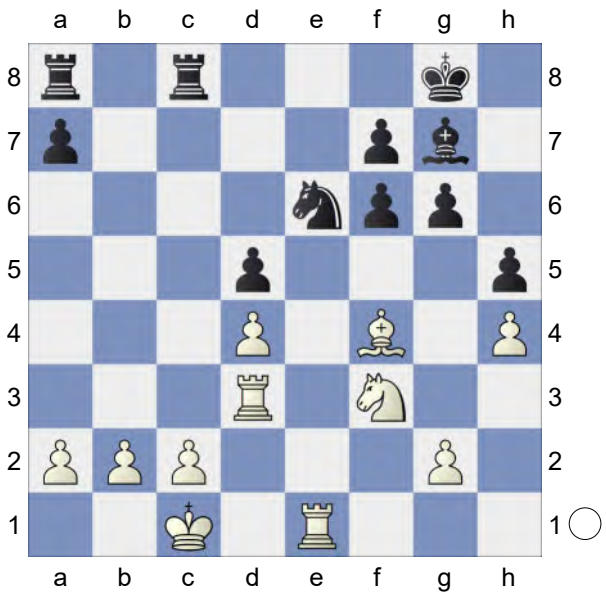
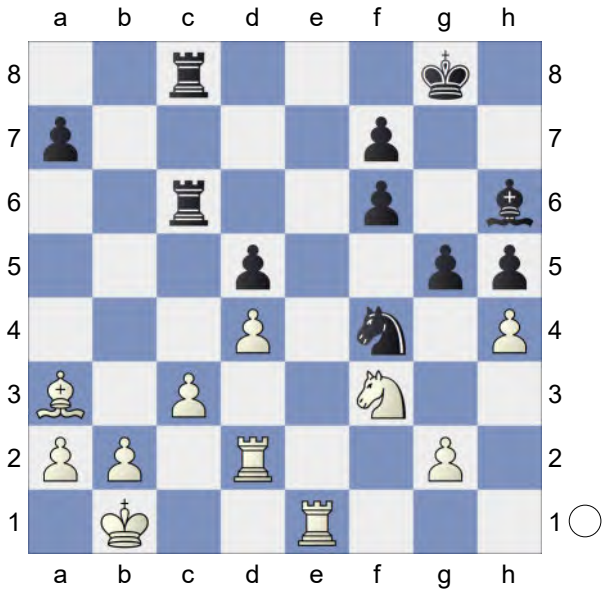
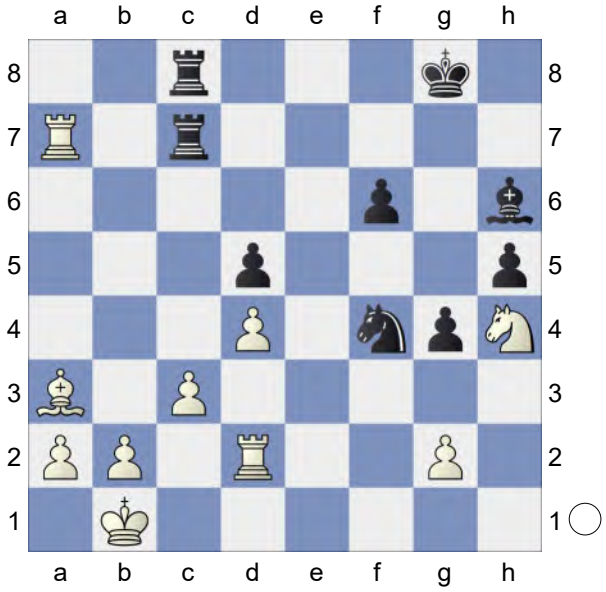


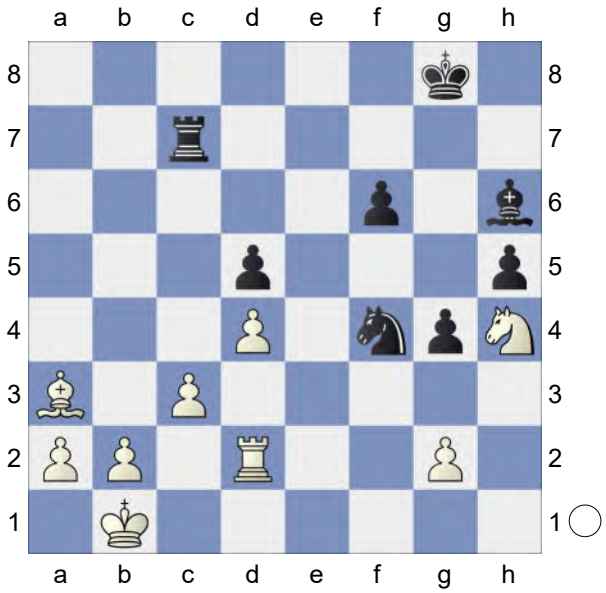
21.Bd6 -0.48/23
[21.Bd2= -0.07/22 was preferrable.]
21...Rc6 22.Ba3 Rac8 23.c3 Bh6+ 24.Kb1 Nf4 25.Rd2 g5 0.42/24
[25...a5∓ -0.54/22]



26.hxg5 fxg5 27.Re7? -2.25/22
[27.g3= -0.01/22 and White is okay. Nh3 28.Rde2]
27...f6? -0.01/24
[27...Ng6-+ -2.25/22 28.Rd7 *(28.Rxa7?* too greedy. *g4-+)* 28...g4]
28.Rxa7 g4 0.95/22
[28...Re8= -0.28/23 keeps the balance.]
29.Nh4± Threatens to win with Nf5. Black is now going downhill. **29...R6c7** 1.79/23
[29...Ng6± 1.20/23 30.Nxg6 Bxd2]



30.Rxc7!+- Rxc7



31.Nf5 Bg5

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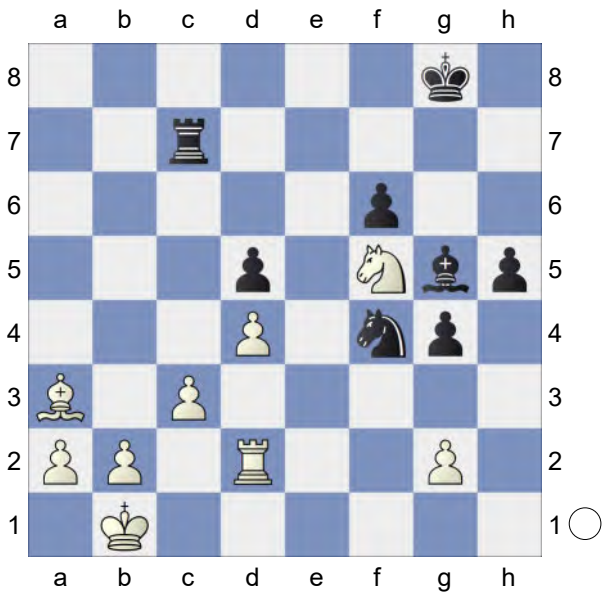
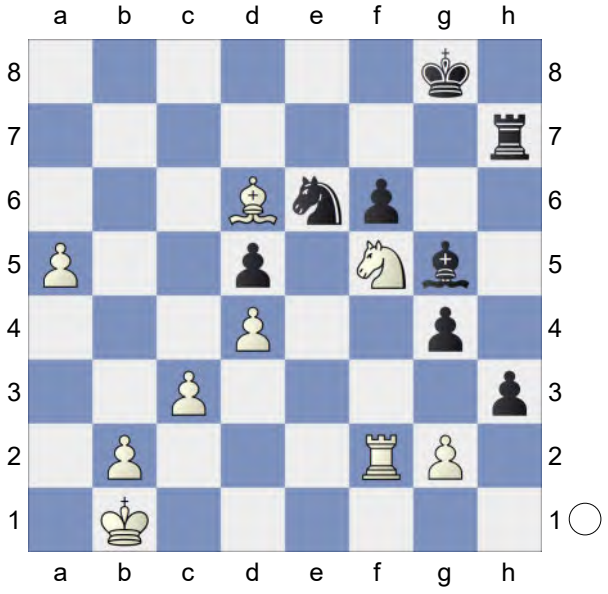


32.Bd6! **Rh7** **33.Rf2** **Ne6** **34.a4** And now b4 would win. **34...h4** **35.a5** **h3?** 5.85/22

[35...Rd7 2.38/22 36.b4 g3]



36.gxh3 **gxh3** **37.b4** **Bf4** **38.Bxf4** **Nxf4** **39.Rxf4** Endgame. KRN-KR **39...h2** **40.Ng3** **Rg7**

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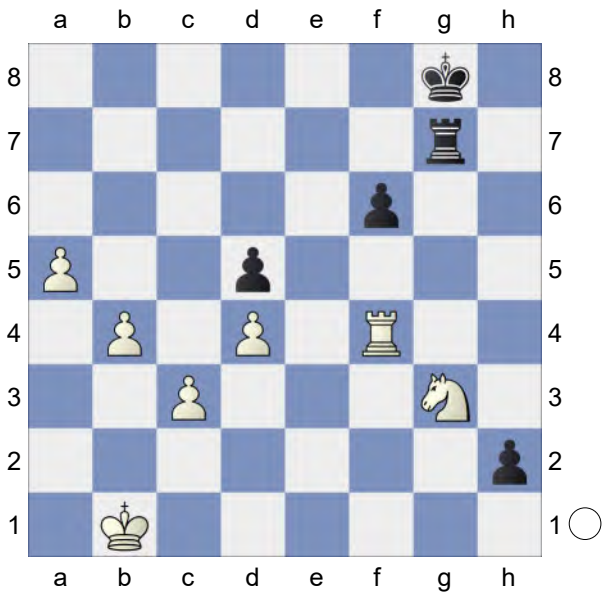


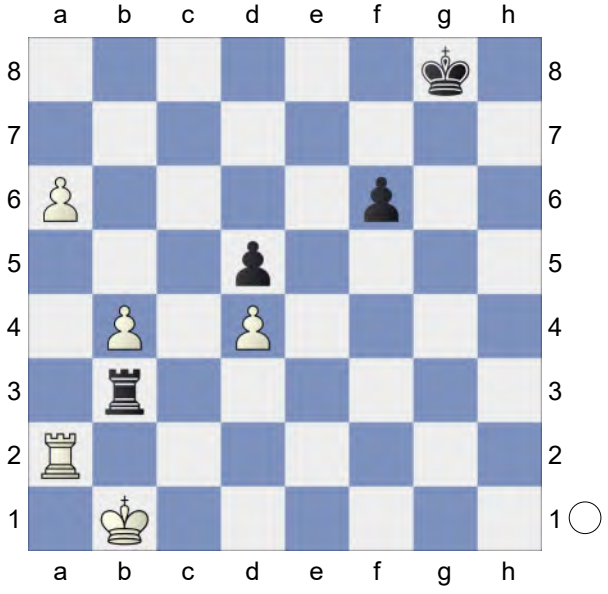
41.Rh4! **Rxg3**

[41...f5 42.a6]

42.Rxh2 **Rxc3** KR-KR **43.a6** White threatens b5 and mate. **43...Rb3+** **44.Rb2** **Ra3** **45.Ra2** 18.54/21

[⌓45.b5 #17/20 Kf7 46.b6 Rxa6 47.b7 Re6 48.b8Q *(48.b8R Re4+-)* 48...Re7 49.Rg2 Re1+ 50.Kc2]

45...Rb3+



46.Kc2 **Rxb4** **47.a7**

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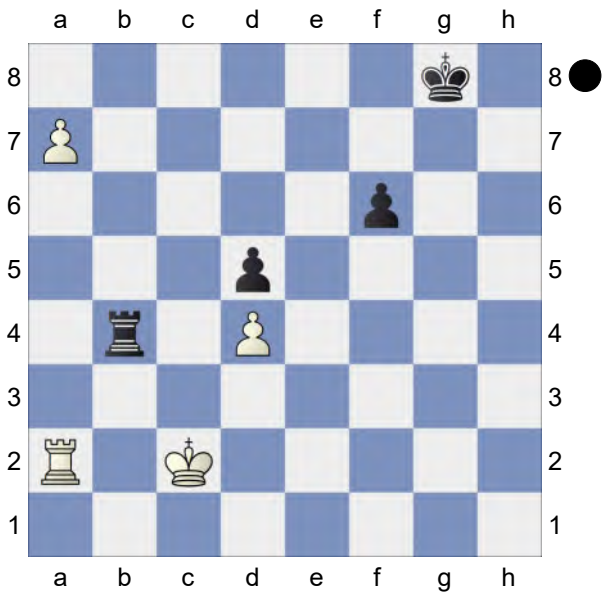

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24 **B12**
□ **Mrdalica** **2855**
■ **Michelchess94** **2641**
Blitz 04.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
In this game, we will see how to handle the variation where Black plays 3... Qb6 and 4...e5 , and why our recommended solution is advantageous for White. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 e5**
[4...dxe4 5.fxe4 e5 6.Nf3 exd4 7.Qxd4 Be6 8.Bf4 Ne7 9.Bd6 Ng6 10.Bxf8 Rxf8 11.0-0-0 Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 Nbd7 15.Be2 0-0-0 16.g4 Kc7 17.g5 Rh8 18.h4 h6 19.Ne4 (50) Yoo,C (2563)-Xiong,J (2690) USA (ch) 154/(42) 2022]
5.dxe5 d4N
[5...Bc5 6.Na4 Bf2+ 7.Ke2 Qd4 8.Qxd4 Bxd4 9.f4 dxe4 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.Kxe3 f5 12.Ne2 Ne7 13.c4 b6 14.Nd4 Na6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nc3 Nc7 17.b4 Be6 18.Rhd1 Kf7 19.b5 c5 20.Nc6 (51) V.E) Model Games: Caro-Kann-Rusche,J]

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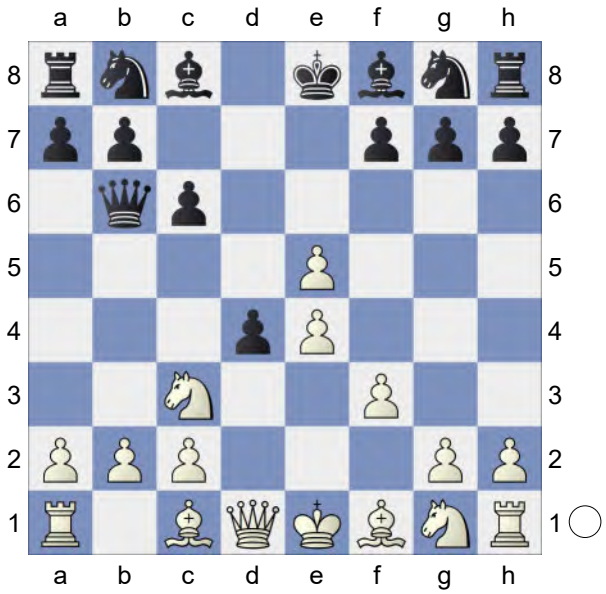
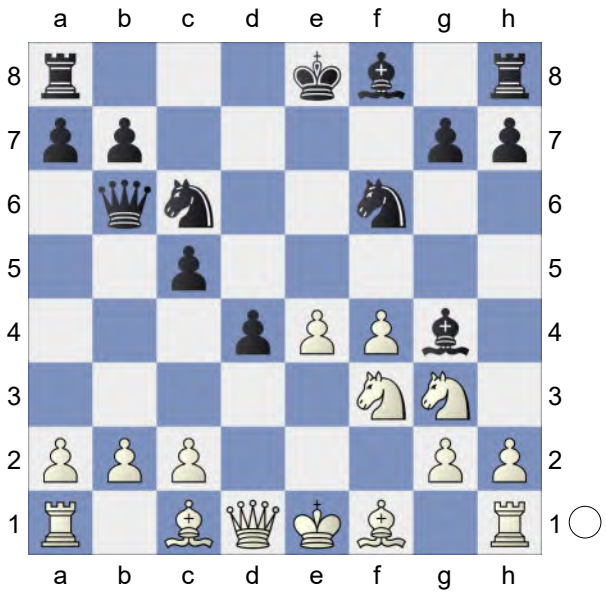


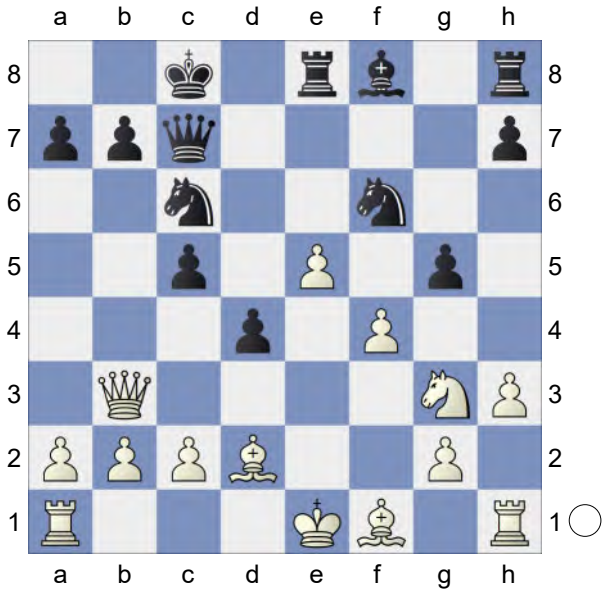
6.Nce2 c5 7.f4 Nc6 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...Bg4 9.Ng3 f6** 0.68/18
[⌓9...c4 0.32/17]
10.exf6± Nxf6



11.h3 Prevents h5 **11...Bxf3** 0.78/20
[11...c4= 0.30/19]
12.Qxf3± 0-0-0 1.16/17
[12...c4± 0.60/18]
13.Qb3 0.69/19
[13.b3± 1.16/17]
13...Qc7± 14.Bd2
[14.Be2!?]
14...Re8 1.54/20

[⌓14...Bd6 0.72/19]

15.e5± g5



16.0-0-0

[16.fxg5 Qxe5+ 17.Be2 c4= *(17...Nh5? 18.0-0+-)*]

16...gxf4 2.63/18

[16...Nd7± 1.52/18 keeps fighting. 17.e6 *(17.fxg5 Ndxe5 18.Nh5 Bd6+-)* 17...Nb6]

17.Bxf4? 0.56/20

[17.exf6+- 2.63/18 fxg3 18.f7]

17...Nxe5 1.11/21

[17...a6± 0.56/20]

18.Re1 0.42/20

[Better is 18.Kb1± 1.11/21 Strongly threatening Bb5. a6 19.Bc4]

18...Bd6± 19.Nf5 Nh5 1.46/21

[19...Nc4± 0.49/20 20.Bxc4 Bxf4+ 21.Kb1 Kb8]

20.Bh2± aiming for Qd5. A strong pair of Bishops.

[20.Qd5 Nxf4 21.Nxd6+ *(21.Qxd6 Neg6∓)* 21...Kb8 22.Nxe8 Rxe8]

20...Nd3+

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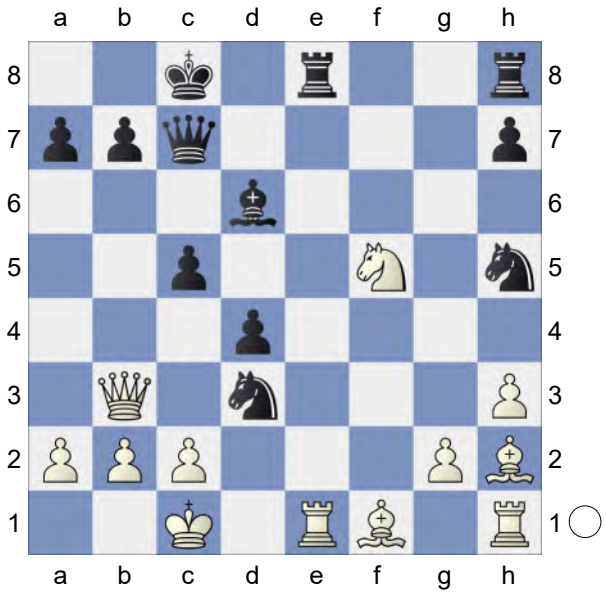

21.Bxd3

[21.cxd3? Rxe1+ 22.Kd2 Qa5+ 23.Kc2 Bxh2 24.Rxh2 Kb8-+ *(24...Rxf1 25.Qe6+ Kb8 26.Qe5+ Qc7 27.Qxh8+ Qc8 28.Qe5+ Qc7 29.Qh8+ Qc8 30.Qe5+ Qc7 31.Qh8+=)*]

21...Bxh2 Black is weak on the light squares **22.Kb1** 0.83/19

[22.Qa4+- 1.69/20 Be5 23.g4 *(23.Qxa7 Ng3±)*]

22...Bf4 2.13/21

[22...Kb8± 0.83/19 was called for.]

23.Rxe8+ 0.98/21

[23.Qa4+- 2.13/21 has better winning chances. Re5 24.g4 *(24.Qxa7 Qb8+-)*]

23...Rxe8 24.Qa4 Nf6 25.Rf1 Kb8

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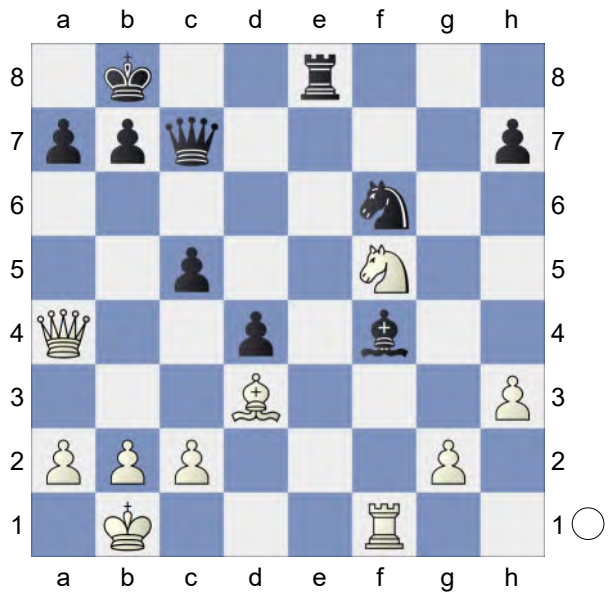
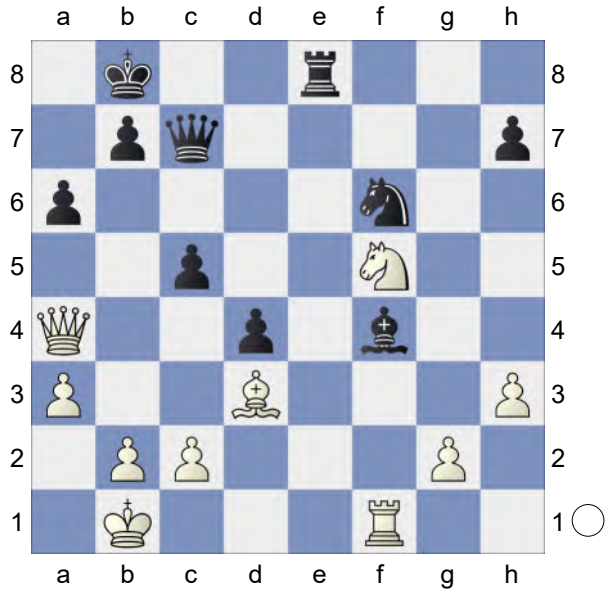
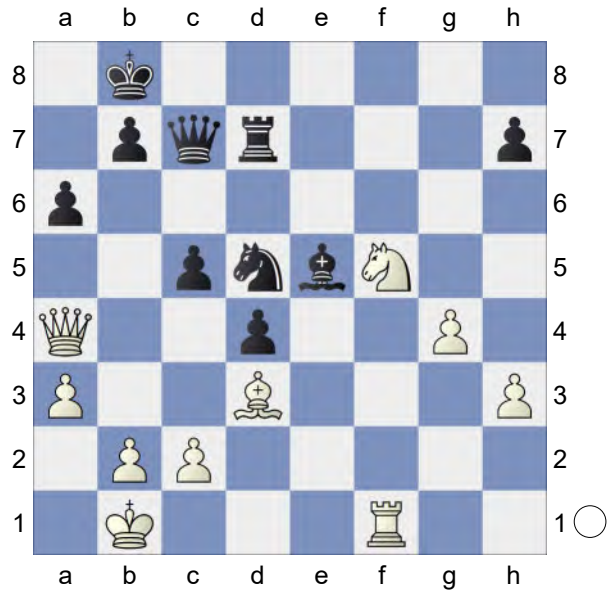


26.a3 a6

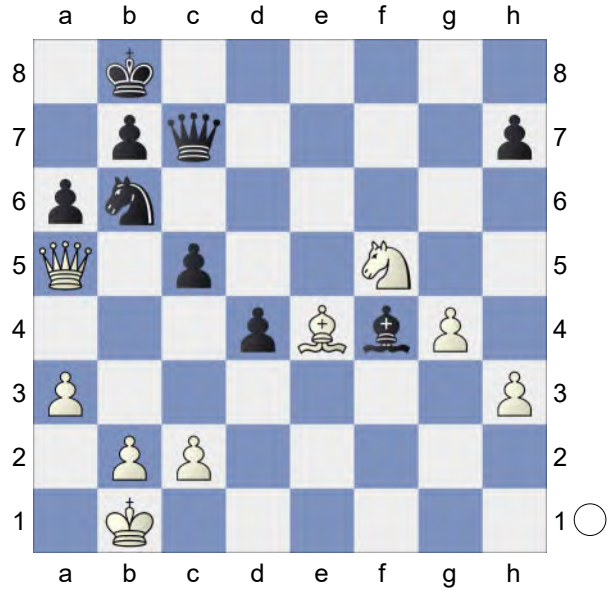


27.g3! 0.63/22 **Be5± 28.Nh6** 0.00/19
[28.Re1± 0.37/20]
28...Rd8 0.47/20
[28...Re6= 0.00/19 29.Ng4 Nxg4 30.hxg4 b5 31.Rf8+ Kb7 32.Be4+ Kb6]
29.g4 0.01/20
[29.Rf5± 0.47/20 might be stronger.]
29...Rd7 1.18/21
[29...Bf4!= 0.01/20 remains equal.]
30.Nf5 0.32/22
[30.g5± 1.18/21 Nd5 31.Rf7]

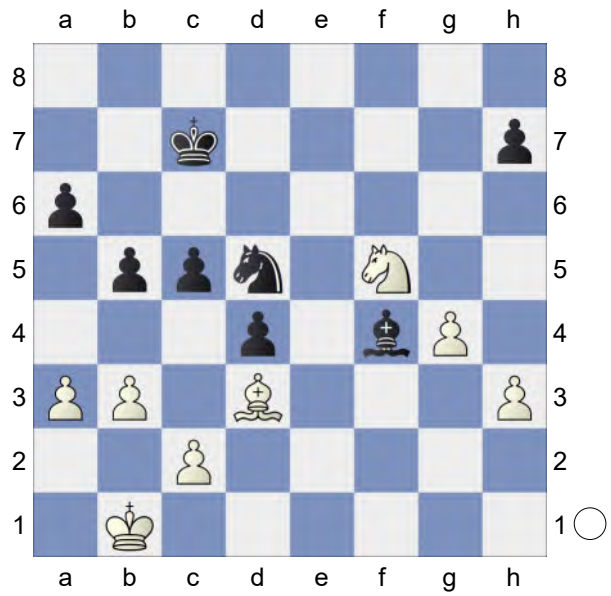
30...Nd5



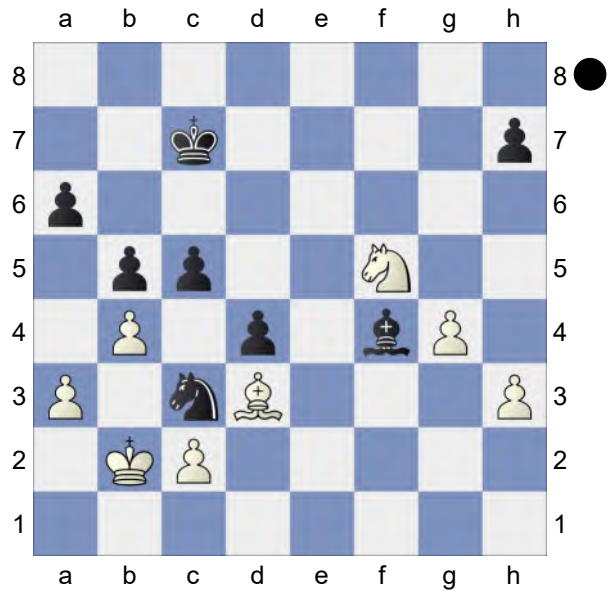
31.Re1 And now Rxe5! would win.
31...Bf4 32.Re8+ Rd8 1.55/23
[Black should try 32...Ka7!± 0.42/23]
33.Be4 0.32/23
[33.Rxd8+± 1.55/23 Qxd8 34.Qc4]
33...Nb6 34.Rxd8+ Qxd8 35.Qa5 0.01/21
[35.Qb3!± 0.41/22]
35...Qc7!=



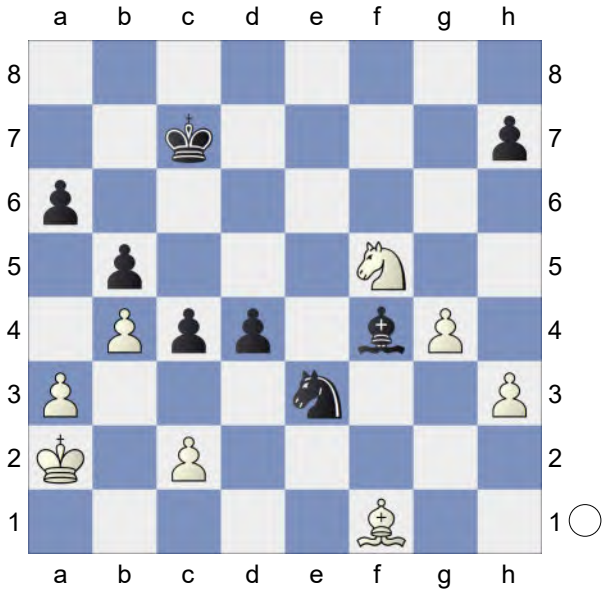
36.Bd3 Nd5 37.Qxc7+ Kxc7
Endgame. KBN-KBN **38.Be4 Nf6 39.Bd3 b5 40.b3 Nd5**



41.Kb2 Nc3 42.b4 -1.12/22
[42.Ng7∓ -0.53/21 Nd1+ 43.Ka2]



42...c4!∓ 43.Bf1
[43.Nxd4? is the wrong capture. Nd1+ 44.Ka2 cxd3 45.cxd3 Kd6-+]
43...Nd1+ -0.01/23
[43...Na4+∓ -1.11/23 44.Kb1 Be5]
44.Ka2 -1.27/23
[44.Kb1= -0.01/23 keeps the balance.]
44...Ne3 -0.52/24
[44...Bc1∓ -1.27/23 45.Nxd4 Nc3+ Deflection 46.Ka1 Bxa3 47.Ne6+ Kd6]



Black defended with fortune.
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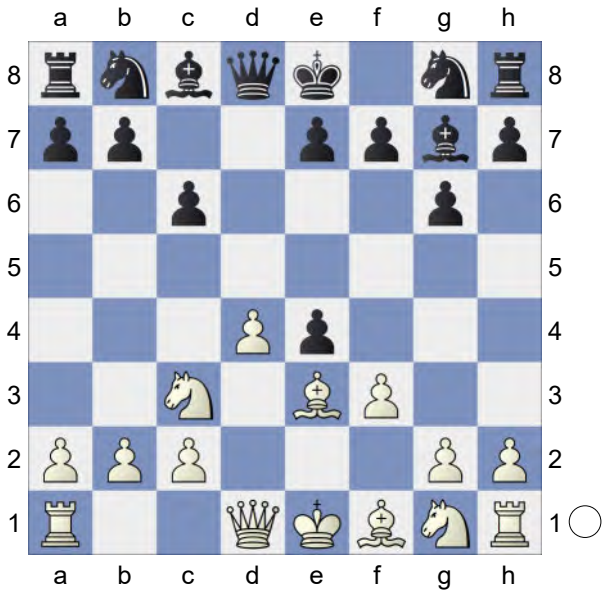
25 **B12**
□ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2688**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2616**
French Top 16 Club Championship 2024..
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3'RR: 'Van de Oudeweetering, Arthur: 'THE VOLGA SAC''' ...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 dxe4

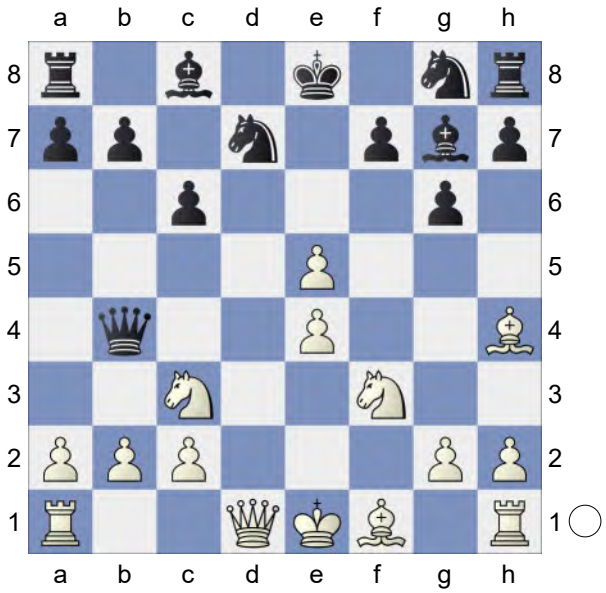


6.fxe4 e5 7.dxe5 Qh4+N

[7...Qxd1+ 8.Rxd1 Nd7 *(8...Bg4 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Bxe5 12.Kf2 Ngf6 13.Bg2 0-0-0 14.f4 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Kc7* Cary,A (2217)-8.d5 c6 (2432) Chapter 3 Game 20*; 8...Bxe5 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.Bc4 Nd7 11.0-0* 31) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...g6-3...g6 Fianchetto: 5...dxe4 #*)* 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Ne5 11.Nd4 Nh6 12.h3 0-0 13.Be2 Bd7 14.Rf1 Rxf1+ 15.Kxf1 Nhf7 Chess Informant Eco-N, N Chess Informant ECO B4 2002]

[7...Qa5 8.Nf3 Be6 9.Ng5 Bxe5 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Qd2 Qb4 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.Bc4 Nd7 14.Rhf1 Ngf6 15.Ne2 b5 16.Bb3 c5 17.c4 0-0 18.cxb5 a6 19.b6 Rab8 20.Nf4 c4 21.Bc2 Nxb6 22.Qa5 (28) Amin,B (2609)-Gashimov,V (2760) Ningbo 112/(83) 2011]

8.Bf2 Qe7 White is better. **9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bh4** White is more active. **10...Qb4**

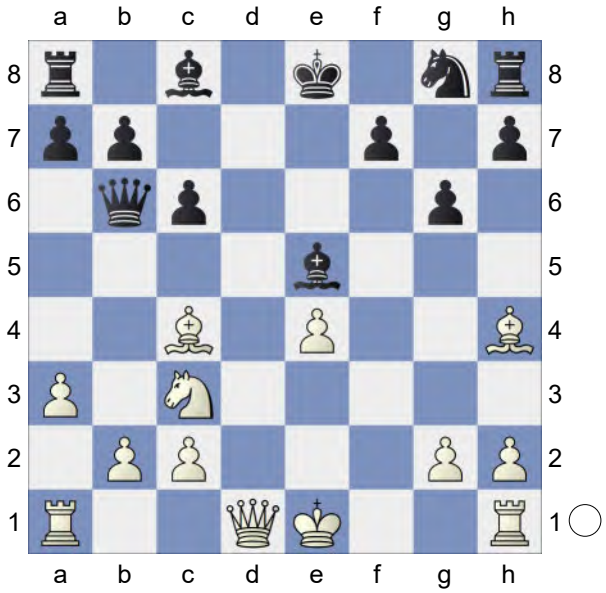


11.a3 Qb6

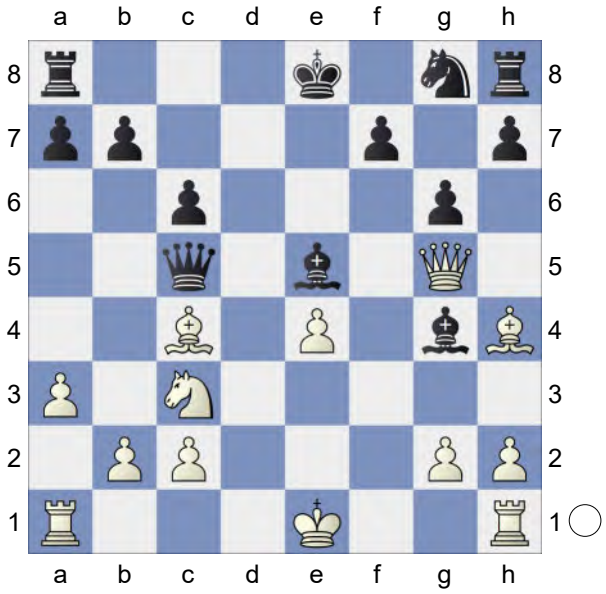
[11...Qxb2? 12.Na4 Bxe5 13.Nxb2+-]

12.Bc4 Qd6 is the strong threat.

12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5



14.Qd2 Dodges Qe3+ **14...Bg4 15.Qg5 Qc5**



16.Qxg4

[16.Bxf7+ is interesting. Kxf7 17.Na4 Qd4 18.Qxg4 Nf6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Rd1]

16...Qxc4

[Don't go for 16...Bxc3+? 17.bxc3 Qxc4 18.0-0-0 Qxc3 19.Kb1+- *(19.Qd7+ Kf8+-)*]

17.0-0-0 Qe6 0.62/20

[17...Nf6= 0.19/21 18.Bxf6 Bxf6]

18.Qxe6+!± fxe6 19.Rhf1 Nh6! 20.h3 Prevents Ng4 **20...Nf7**

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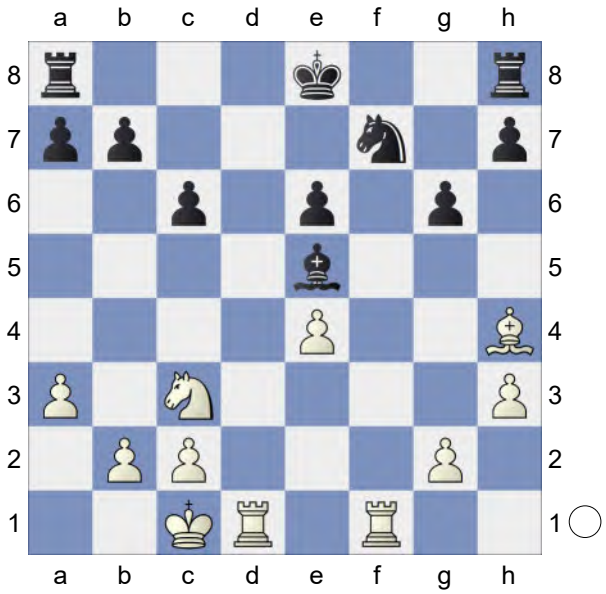
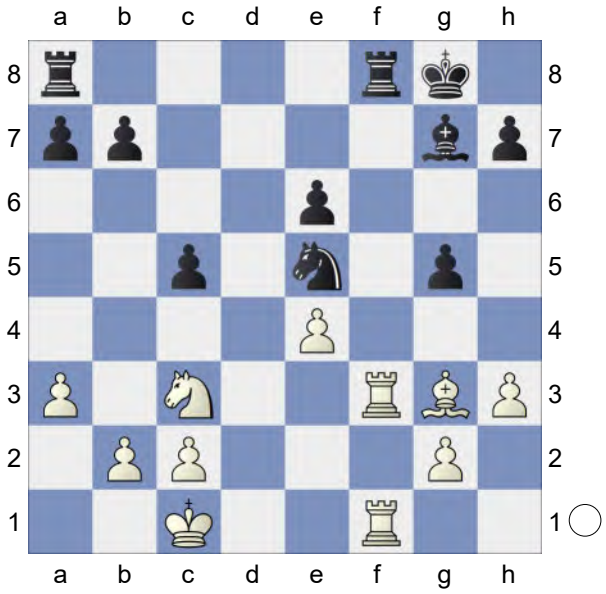


21.Ne2 c5 22.Rd3 g5 23.Rdf3 0-0 24.Bg3 Bg7 25.Nc3 Ne5



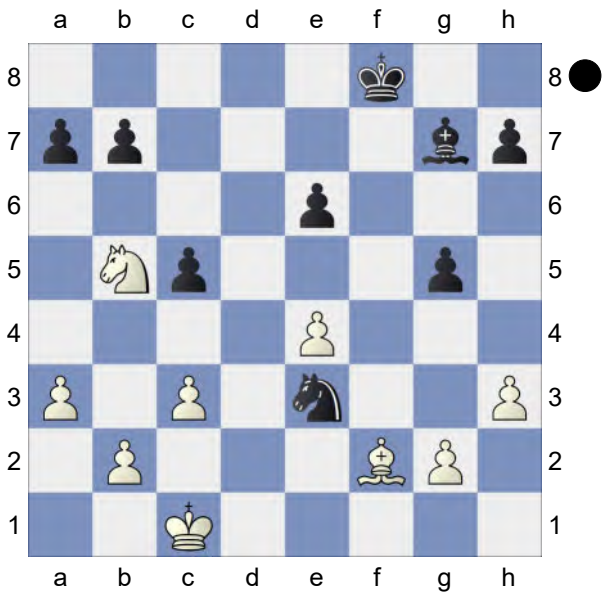
26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Nb5 Nc4 29.c3 Ne3 0.48/22

[29...Ke7= -0.01/22 should be considered. 30.Nxa7 Ne3]

30.Bf2 -0.01/23

[30.Bd6+± 0.48/22 Kg8 31.g3 *(31.Nxa7 Nxg2 32.Nc8 Nf4∓)*]

(Diagram)



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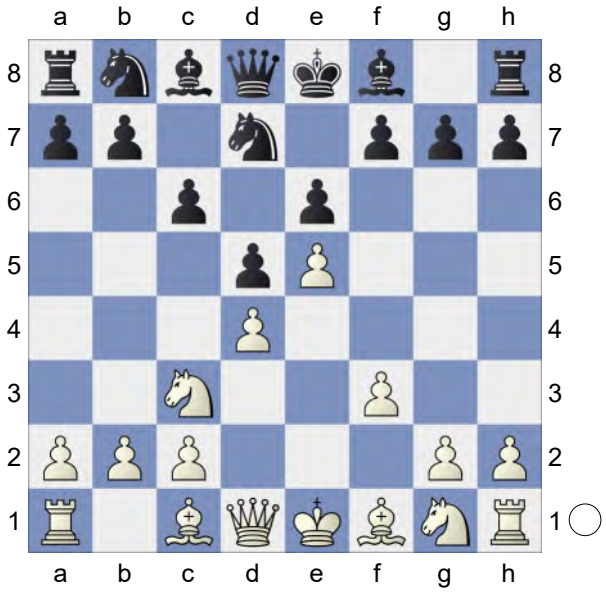
26 **C11**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2923**
■ **Tfaf2020** **2903**
Blitz 31.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bc5N

[9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 Rac8 24.h5 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]

10.Qd2 a6

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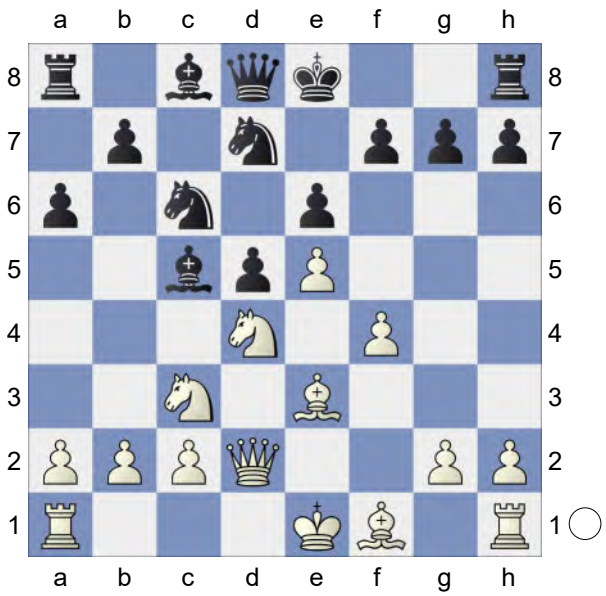
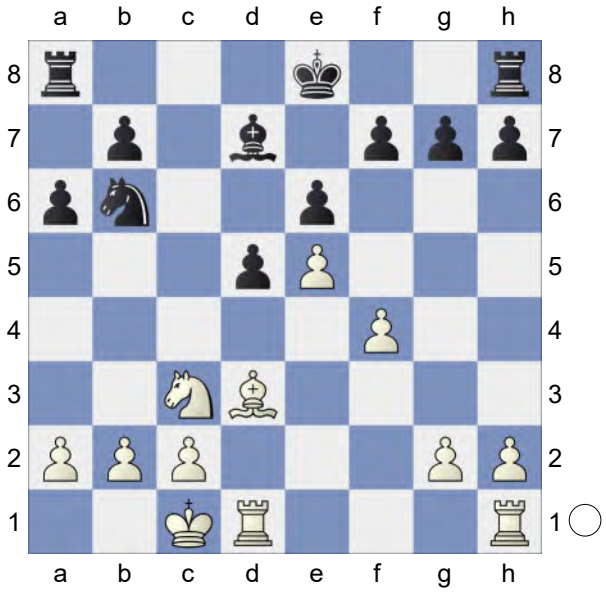
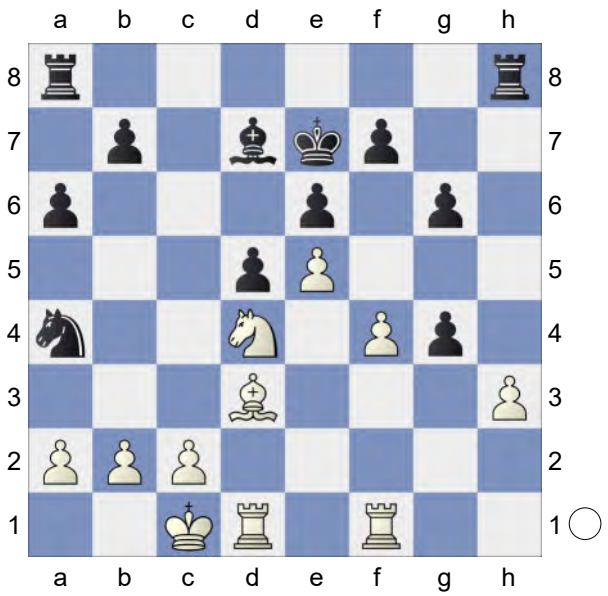


11.0-0-0 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Qxb6 Nxb6 15.Bd3 Bd7

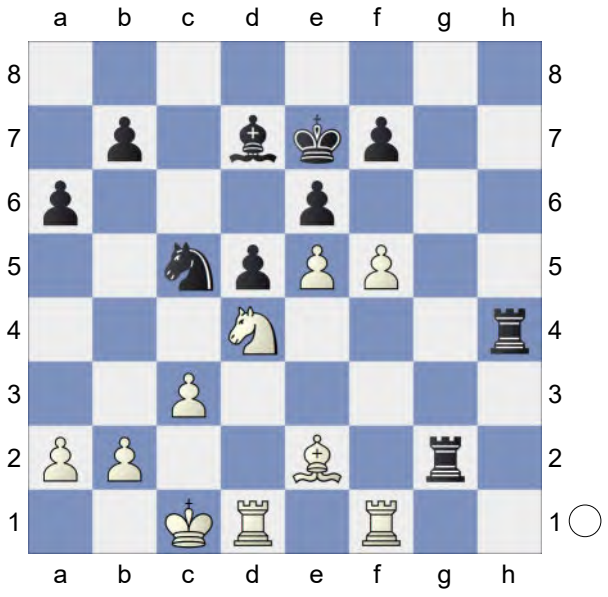


White is slightly better. **16.Ne2 Ke7 17.Nd4 g6 18.Rhf1 h5 19.h3 Na4 20.g4 hxg4**

(Diagram)

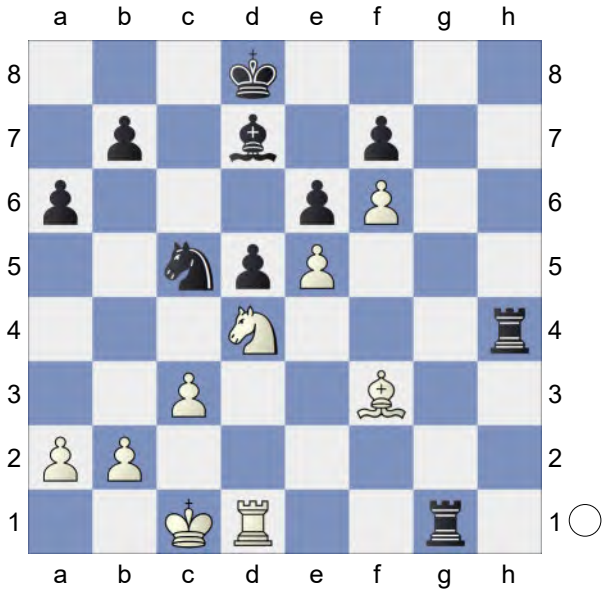


21.hxg4 Rh4! 22.Be2 Nc5 23.f5 gxf5 24.gxf5 Rg8 25.c3 -0.76/21
[25.f6+= 0.18/19 Kd8 26.Nf3]
25...Rg2 0.01/23
[25...exf5∓ -0.76/21 26.Nxf5+ Bxf5 27.Rxf5 Rg2 *(27...Ke6 28.Rf6+ Kxe5 29.Rxf7=)*]

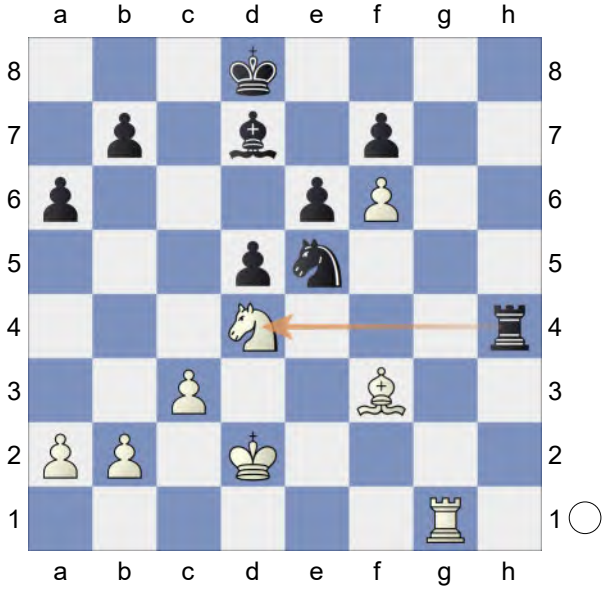


26.Bf3 -0.67/20 Wards off Re4
[White should try 26.Rh1= 0.01/23 Rgh2 27.f6+ Kf8 28.Rxh2 Rxh2 29.Re1]
26...Rg3∓ Black has more active pieces.

27.f6+ Kd8 28.Rg1? -2.27/21
Now White is beyond hope.
[White should play 28.Kd2∓ -0.59/20]
28...Rxg1

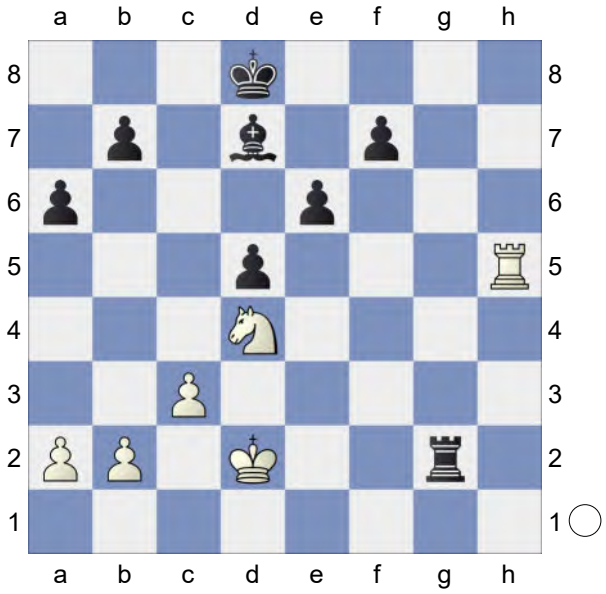


Deflection **29.Rxg1 Nd3+ 30.Kd2 Nxe5**
[30...Nxb2 31.Be2 Re4 32.Rg8+ Kc7 33.Rf8 Rxe5 34.Rxf7±]

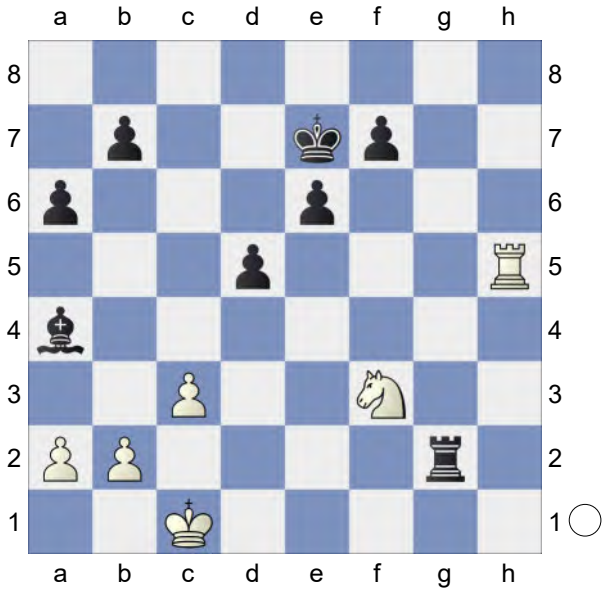


And now ...Rxd4+! would win. **31.Be2 Rf4 32.Rg5 Ng6 33.Bh5 Rxf6 34.Bxg6** -3.35/23
[⌓34.Nf3 -2.32/18]

34...Rxg6-+ Endgame. KRB-KRN
35.Rh5 Rg2+

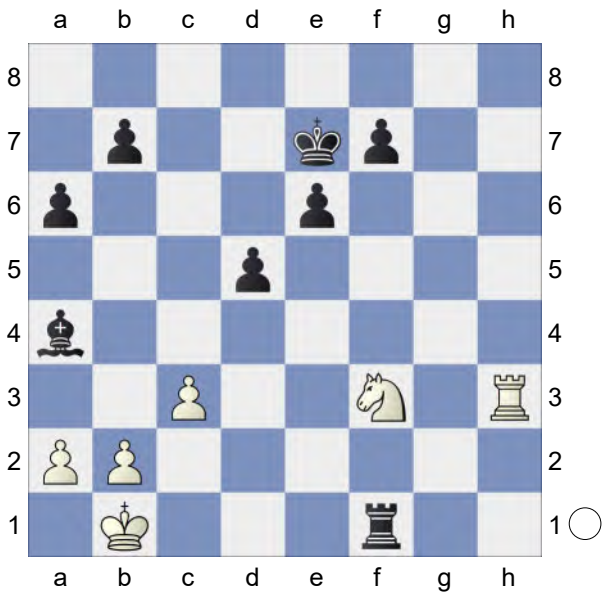


36.Kc1 Ke7 37.Nf3 Ba4



Strongly threatening ...Rc2+. **38.Rh7?** -7.94/22
[38.Rh4 -3.06/20 Bb5 39.Rh8]
38...Rc2+ 39.Kb1 Rf2 (-> ...Rf1+)
40.Rh3 Rf1+

(Diagram)



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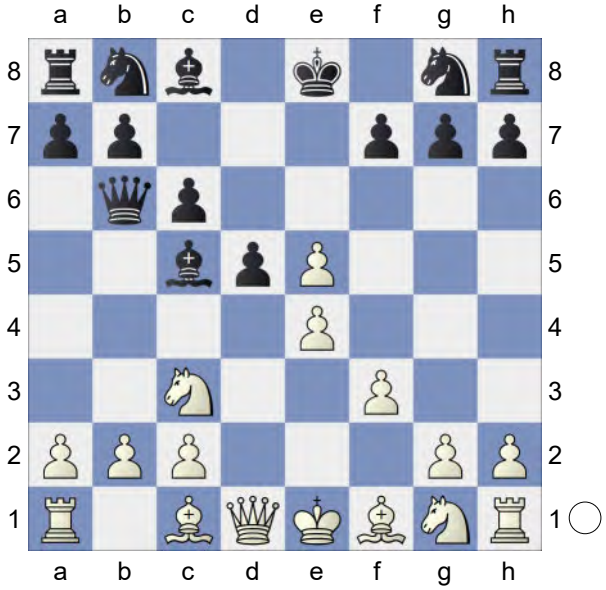
27 **B12**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2927**
■ **Tfaf2020** **2896**
Blitz 31.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 e5 5.dxe5 Bc5



aiming for ...Bf2+. **6.Na4 Bf2+ 7.Ke2 Qd4 8.Qxd4** White is slightly better.
8...Bxd4 9.f4 dxe4 10.c3N
[10.Be3 Bxe3 11.Kxe3 Quickstarter Guide-Caro Kann Fantasy: 3...e5 f6 *(11...f5 12.Ne2* V.A) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-3...e5 #3*)* 12.Kxe4 fxe5 13.fxe5 Ne7 14.Nf3 Bf5+ 15.Ke3 Nd7 16.Bd3 Caro Kann Fantasy Rare-Rare 3rds: 3...e5 #10]
10...Bg4+

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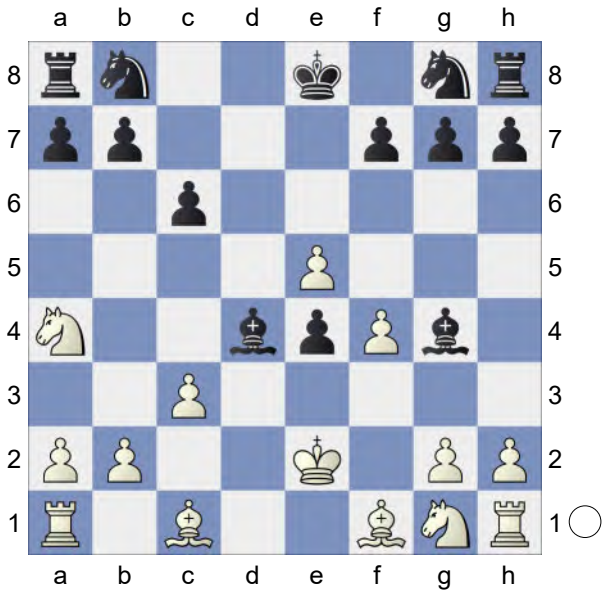
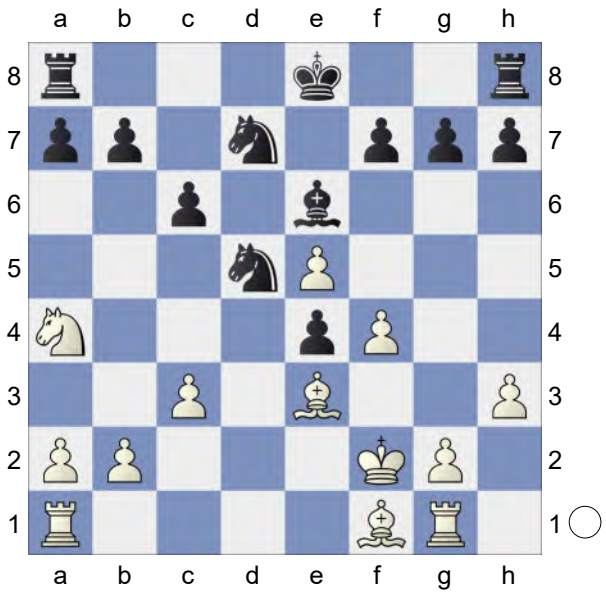


11.Ke1 Bxg1 0.77/19
[11...Bb6± 0.37/22 was preferrable.]
12.Rxg1± Nd7 Repels Nc5 **13.Be3 Ne7 14.h3 Nd5 15.Kf2 Be6**



...Nxe3 is the strong threat. **16.c4! Nxe3 17.Kxe3 f5** 0.98/19
[17...g5= 0.25/19 remains equal.]
18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Nc5 Kf7 20.g4
[20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Kxe4 Rad8±]
[20.Nxb7 Rhb8 21.Na5 Rxb2=]
20...b6

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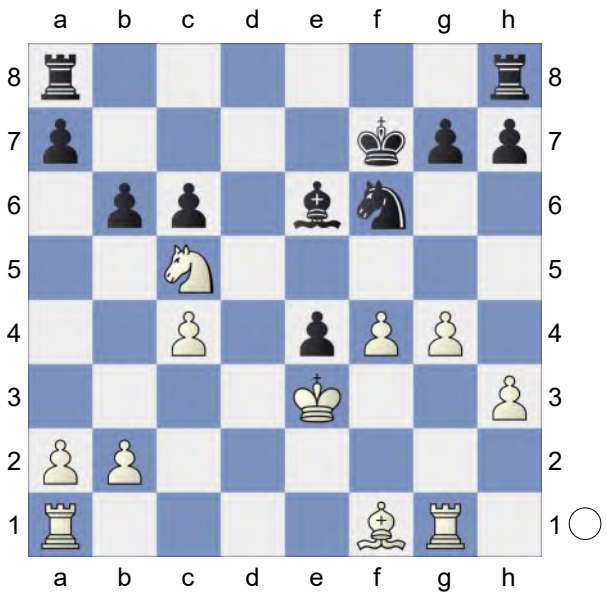
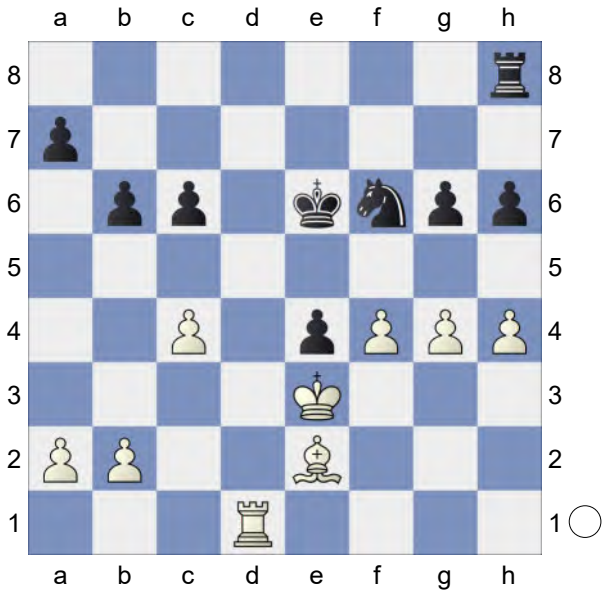
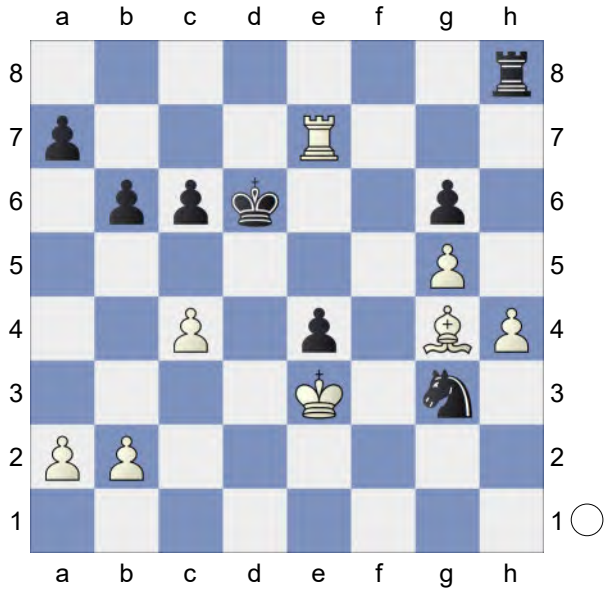


21.Nxe6 Kxe6 22.Be2 0.93/19
[⌓22.Bg2 1.46/19]
22...Rad8 1.40/20
[Black should play 22...h6 0.93/19]
23.Rad1 Rxd1 1.92/20
[23...h6± 1.27/20]
24.Rxd1 Endgame. Threatens to win with g5. KRB-KRN **24...h6 25.h4 g6?** 3.22/23
[25...h5± 1.40/20 26.gxh5 Kf7]



26.g5+- hxg5 27.fxg5 1.84/24
[⌓27.hxg5 3.07/25 Rh3+ 28.Kd2]
27...Nh5 28.Bg4+
[28.Kxe4 Ng3+ 29.Kf3 Nxe2=]
28...Ke5 29.Rd7 And now Re7+ would win. White is more active. **29...Ng3?** 4.04/21
[29...Nf4± 1.60/24]
30.Re7+
[30.Rxa7 Rxh4 *(30...Nf1+ 31.Kf2∓)* 31.Re7+ Kd6 32.Rd7+ Kc5∓]
30...Kd6



31.Re6+
[31.Rxa7 Rxh4 32.Bc8 *(32.Rd7+ Kc5∓)* 32...Nf5+ 33.Bxf5 gxf5-+]
31...Kc5 32.Rxg6? 0.92/21
[32.Kf4+- 3.48/20 Nh1 33.Rxg6 *(33.Kxe4 Rxh4 34.Kf3 Nf2±)*]
32...Rxh4± 33.Bd7 Kxc4 34.Rxc6+ 0.63/21
[34.Bxc6 Nf5+ 35.Ke2 e3-+]
[34.Rf6± 1.04/21 Black must now prevent g6! Rh2 35.Rh6 *(35.Rxc6+ Kd5=)* 35...Rxb2 36.g6]
34...Kd5±

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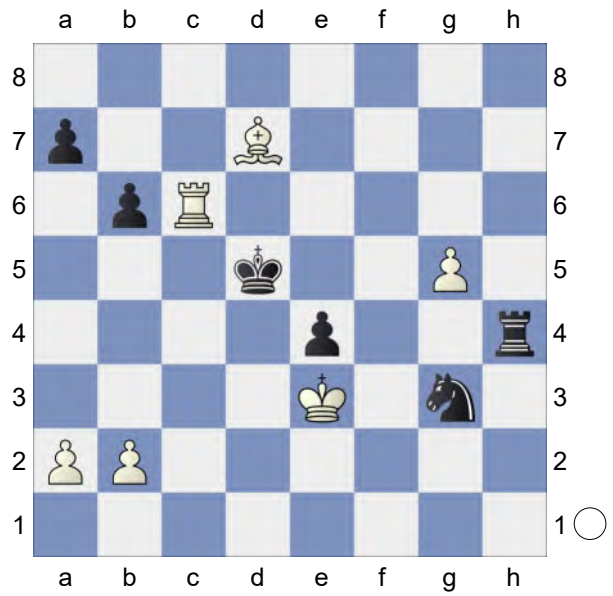
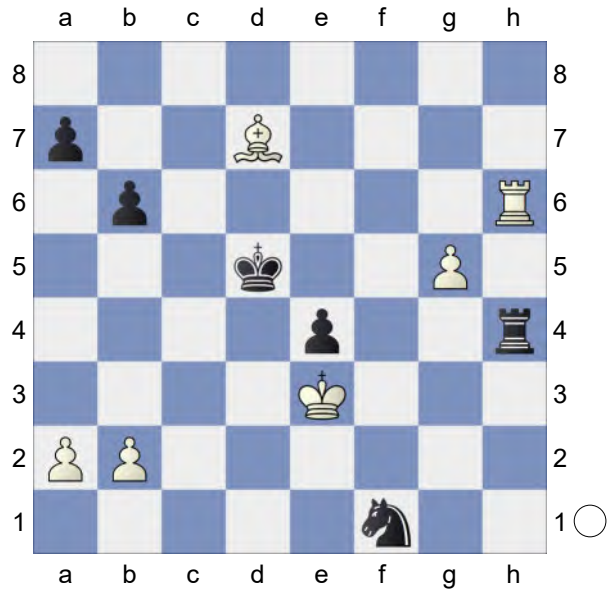


35.Rh6 0.01/24

[White should try 35.g6!± 0.86/24 Rh2 *(35...Nf5+ 36.Bxf5 Rh5 37.Bxe4+ Ke5 38.g7 Rg5 39.Bg6 Rg3+ 40.Kf2)* 36.Bg4]

35...Nf1+=



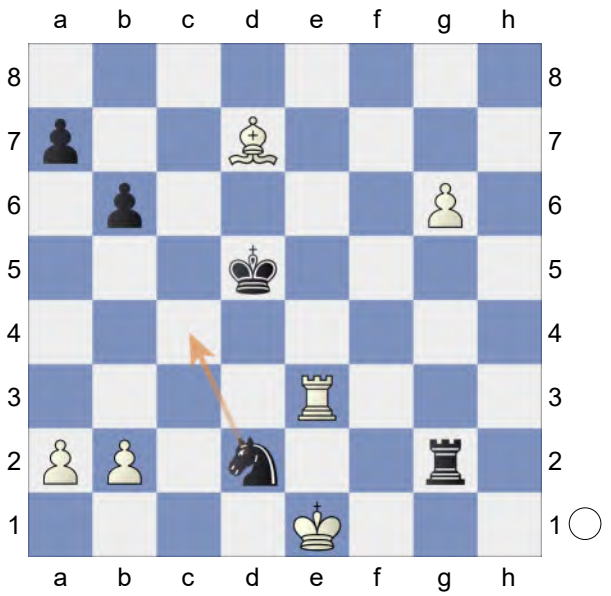
36.Ke2 Rf4 2.57/24 Black is on the road to losing.

[36...Ng3+!= 0.11/23 37.Kd2 Rf4]

37.Rh3+- e3 38.g6 Rf2+ 39.Ke1 Nd2 5.17/24

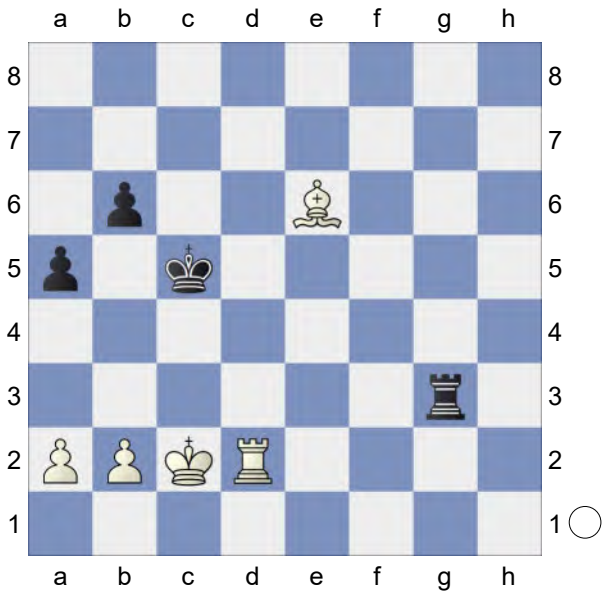
[⌓39...Rf8 3.32/19 40.Bg4 Ke5]

40.Rxe3 Rg2



41.Rd3+ Kc4 42.Rxd2 Rxg6 KRB-KR

43.Kd1 Rg3 44.Kc2 a5 45.Be6+ Kc5



46.a3 b5 47.Rd3 Rg2+ 48.Kc3 b4+ 49.axb4+ axb4+ 50.Kb3 Rg6

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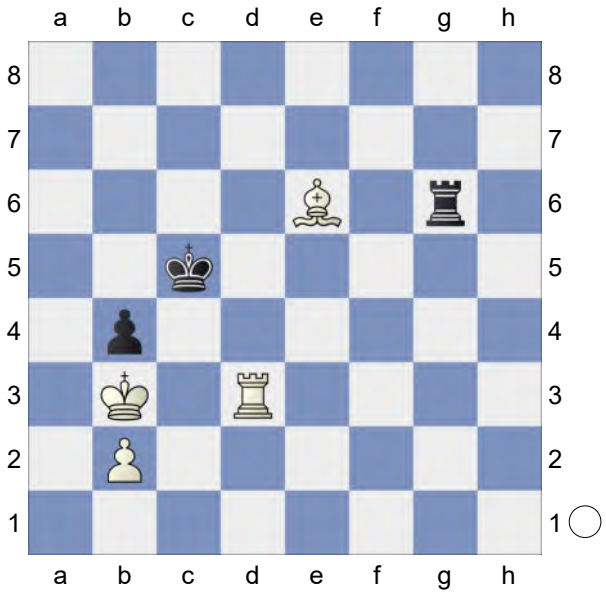
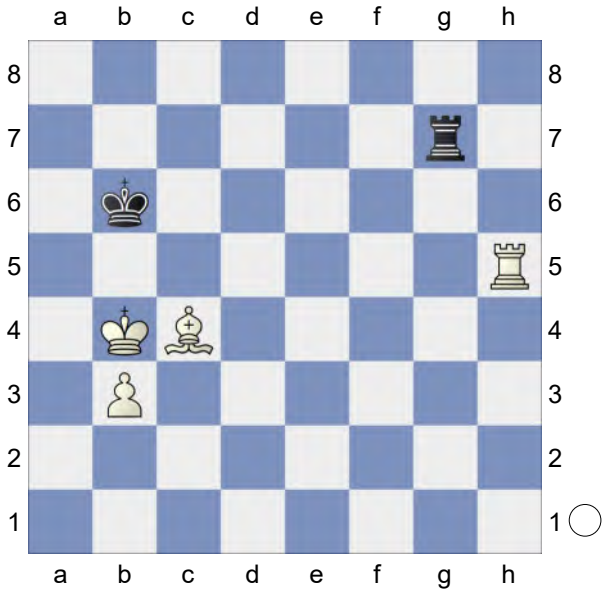


51.Bc4 Rg4 52.Rd5+ Kc6 53.Kxb4 Rg2 54.b3 Rg7 55.Rh5 Kb6



56.Rh6+ Ka7 57.Ka5 10.32/24
[⌓57.Bd5 #20/22 Kb8 58.Rh8+ Kc7 59.Kc5 Rg1 60.Rh7+ Kb8 61.b4 Rg3 62.b5]
57...Rg5+ 58.Bb5 Threatening mate with Rh7+. **58...Rc5 59.Rh7+ Kb8 60.Kb6 Rc8**

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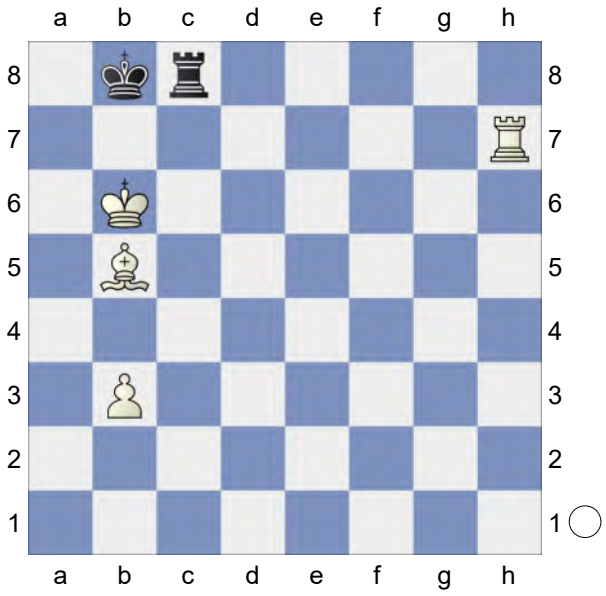
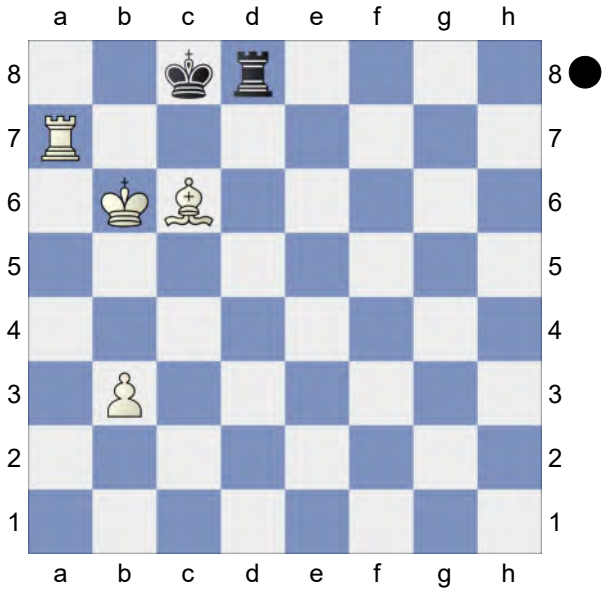


61.Bc6 Rd8 62.Rb7+ 10.14/5
[⌓62.Ra7 #2/8 Rd6 63.Ra8#]
62...Kc8 63.Ra7



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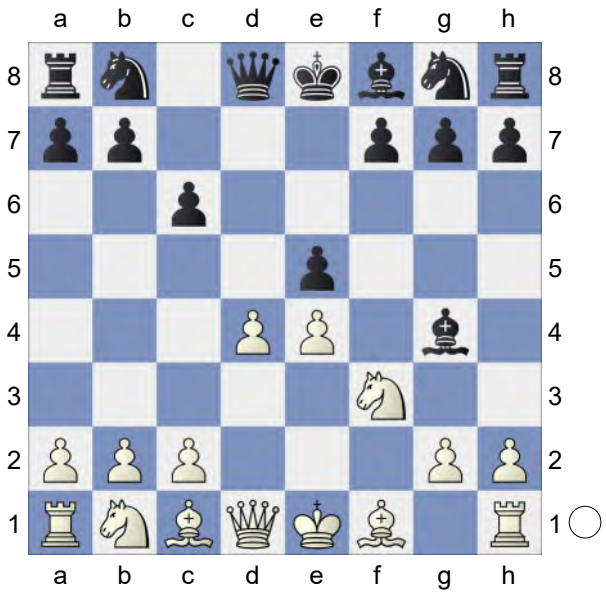
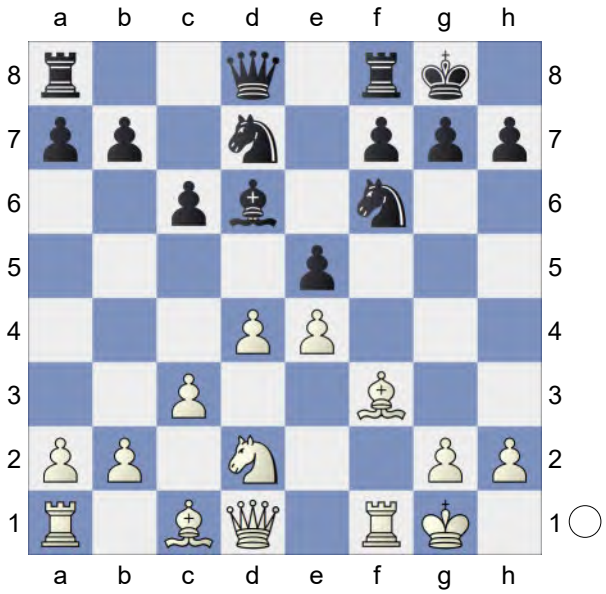
28 **B12**
□ **Mrdalica** **2858**
■ **Emperatortrajano** **2767**
Blitz 16.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Thus, Black has to make the ugly capture bxa4 or allow us to take this pawn - neither of which is particularly attractive and obvious. The computer thinks Black is objectively fine in both cases, but it is not so obvious to human eyes. White's position is easier to play and I think we have decent chances in a practical game, as we will inevitably get the e5 pawn push. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4**

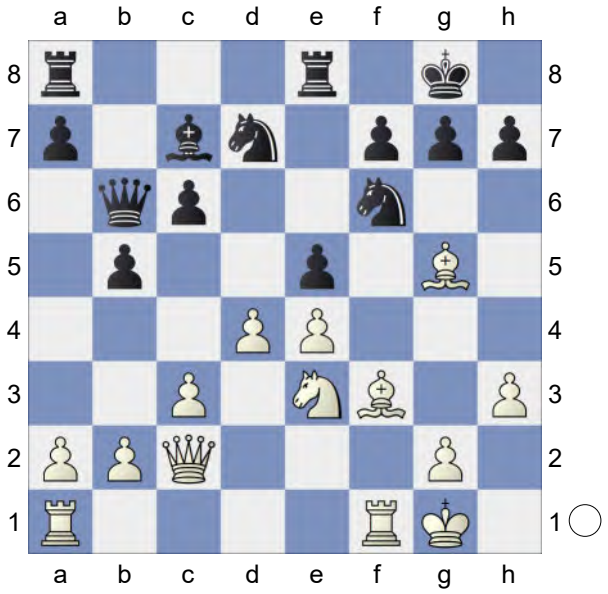


6.c3
[6.Bc4 is interesting. Nd7 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Qh4+ 9.g3]
6...Nd7 7.Be2
[7.Bc4 Bh5 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Qe1 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Nbd2 Bg6 *(11...0-0 12.Qh4 Bg6 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.Kh1 b5 15.Bb3 c5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bd5 b4 20.Re3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rb8 22.Nc4 Bf4 23.Ree1 Bg5 24.Qf2 a5 25.h4 Bh6 26.h5* 1-0 (36) Maiko,J (2377)-3. ♘c3 ♘c6 4.d4 d5 5.ed5 î (2070) 71/325 Wijk aan Zee 1998 (1)*)* 12.Bd3 b5 13.a4 Rb8 14.axb5 cxb5 15.c4 bxc4 16.Nxc4 0-0 17.Rc1 Bb4 18.Ncxe5 Bxe1 19.Rxc7 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Ba5 21.Rxa7 Bb6 1-0 (54) Rojas Keim,L (2674)-8.00 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5_61494 (2566) 72/467 Madrid 1998 (3)]
7...Bxf3N
[7...Ngf6 8.0-0 Bd6 *(8...Nxe4 9.Nxe5 Be6 10.Qd3 Nef6 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Bg5* V.C) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4...e5 5.Nf3 Bg4 #6*)* 9.Nbd2 0-0 *(9...b5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Bxe5 13.Nf3 Qc7 14.a4* V.C) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4...e5 5.Nf3 Bg4 #7*)* 10.Nc4 Bc7 11.Ncxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Bf4 V.C) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4...e5 5.Nf3 Bg4 #8]
8.Bxf3 The position is equal. **8...Ngf6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Nd2 0-0**



11.Nc4 Bc7 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Qc2 Qb8

Strongly threatening ...exd4. **14.h3 b5 15.Ne3 Qb6**

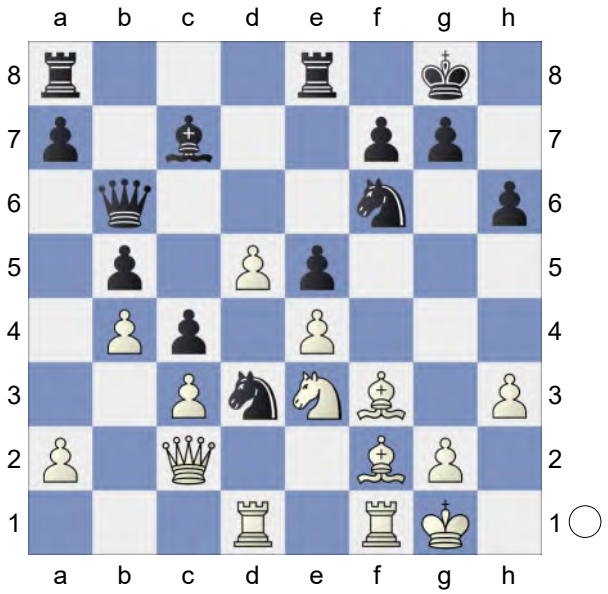


16.Rad1 h6 17.Bh4 c5 White now steadily converts the win. **18.d5** White is more active. **18...c4 19.Bf2 Nc5** 1.06/19

[19...Qa6± 0.63/19 is more appropriate.]

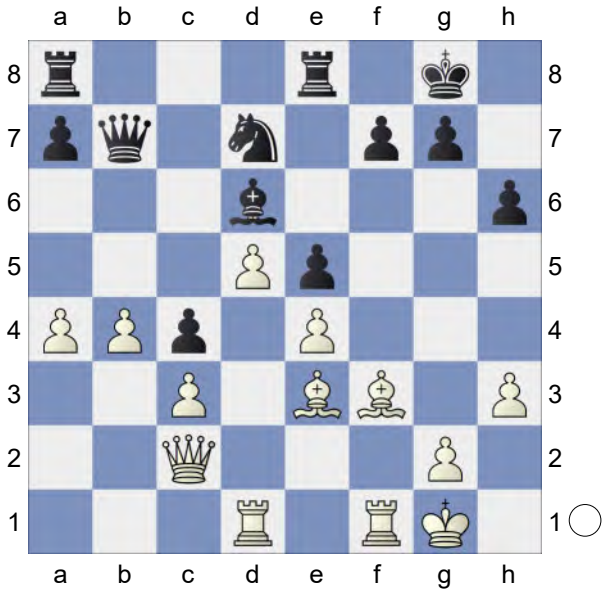
20.b4 Nd3 1.47/20

[⌓20...Nb7 0.99/18]

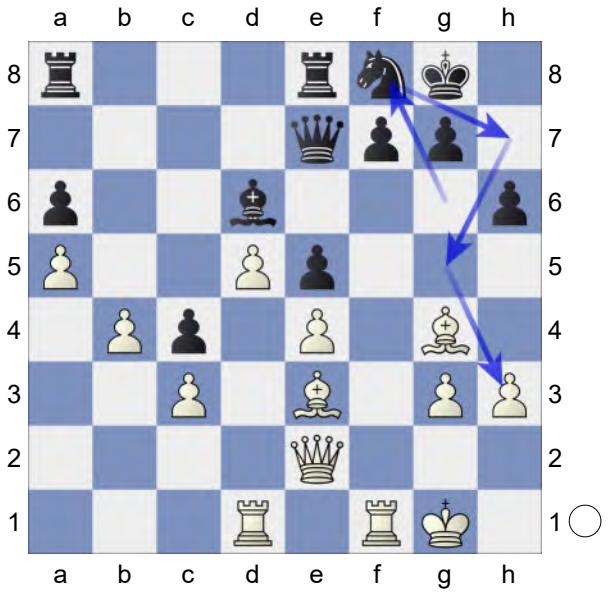


21.Nxc4!± Discovered Attack **21...Qa6 22.Qxd3 bxc4 23.Qc2 Bd6 24.a4 Qb7 25.Be3 Nd7** 2.63/19

[25...Rec8 1.84/18 was called for. 26.Be2 Qe7]



26.a5+- a6 27.Bg4 Nf8 28.Qf2 Ng6 29.g3 Qe7 30.Qe2 Nf8



31.Qxc4 Nh7 32.Qe2 Ng5 33.Bb6 h5 34.Bxh5 Nxh3+ 35.Kg2 Ng5

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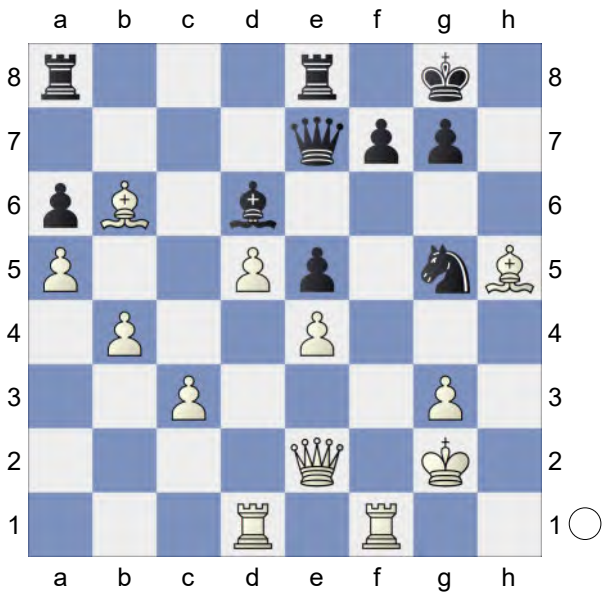
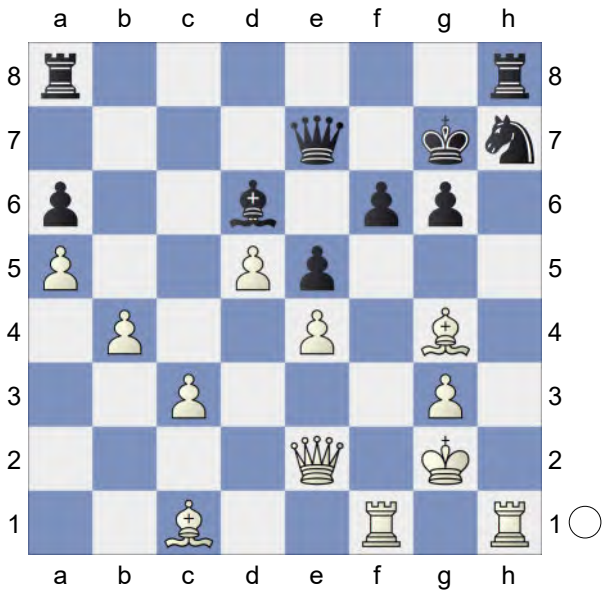


36.Bg4 g6 37.Rh1 Kg7 38.Be3 Rh8 39.Bc1 Nh7 40.Rdf1 f6 11.53/25

[⌓40...Qd8 4.57/20 41.Bh6+ Kg8]



41.Bh6+ Kf7 42.Be6+ Ke8 43.Be3 Kd8 44.Bb6+ Bc7

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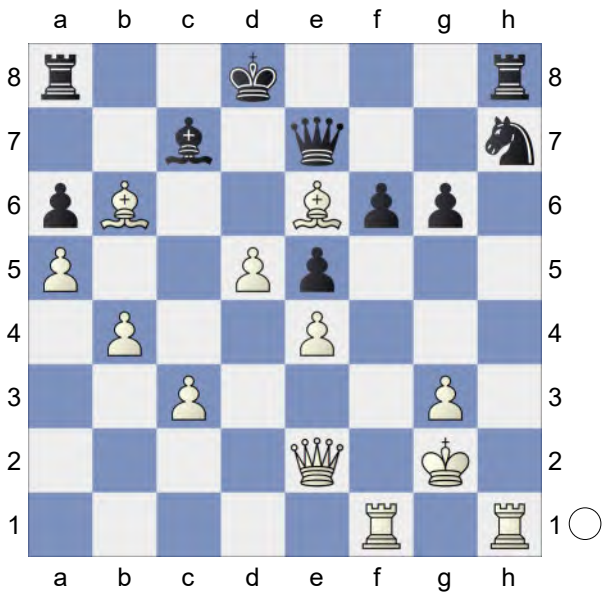
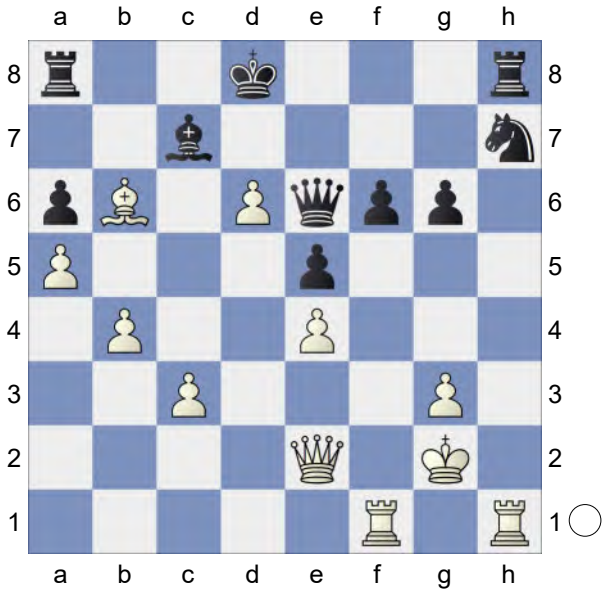


45.d6! 10.07/24 **Qxe6**



46.dxc7+ Kc8 47.Rd1 Kb7 48.Rd8 Ng5 49.Rhxh8 Rxd8 50.cxd8Q

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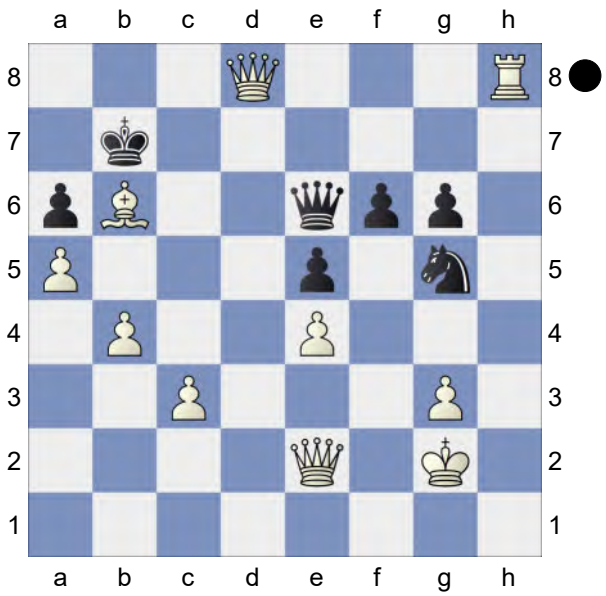

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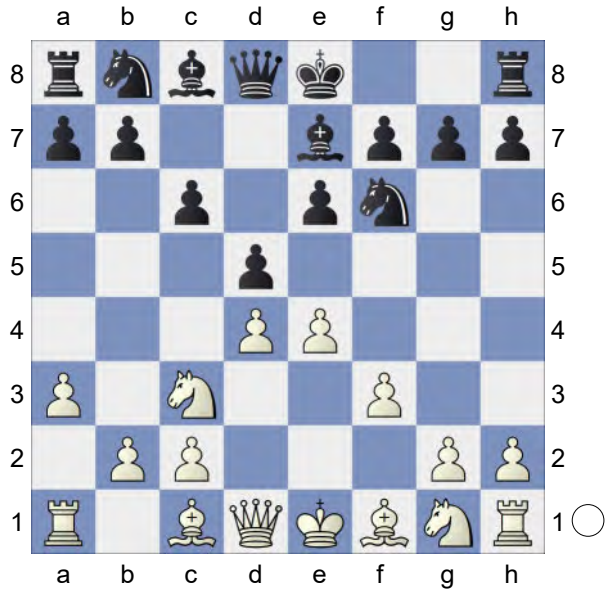
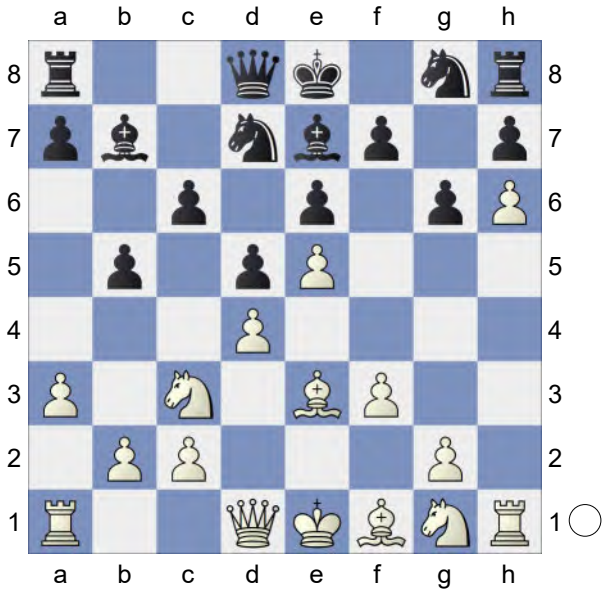
29 **B12**
□ **N,N** **2984**
■ **Keepserene** **2711**
Blitz 11.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.a3
[5.Be3 Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 1-0 (34) 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7. e3_52523 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)]
[5.e5 Nfd7 6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]
5...Be7

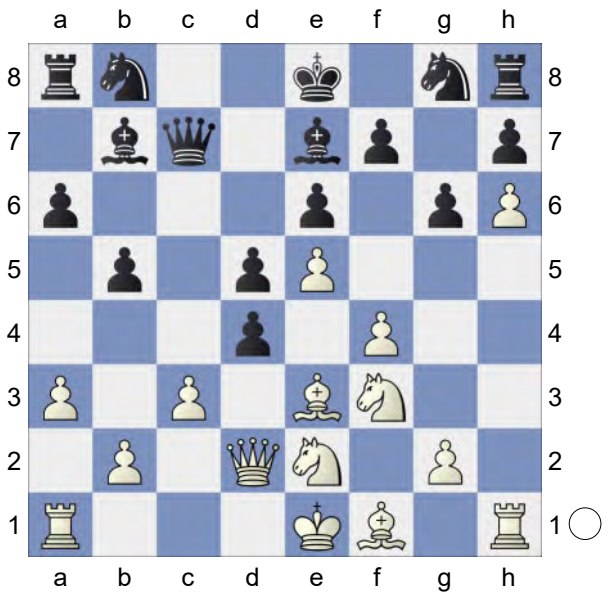


6.Be3 b5N
[6...0-0 7.e5 Nfd7 8.f4 c5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.dxc5 Nxc5 *(10...Bxc5 11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.Bd3 f6 14.0-0 a6 15.Qe1* 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4... Nf6 / 5. *)* 11.Be2 a6 12.0-0 b5 13.b4 Nd7 14.Bd3 f6 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Nb8 17.Qh5 f5 18.g4 Nc6 19.Ne2 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4...Nf6 / 5.]
7.h4 Bb7 8.h5 White is slightly better.
8...Nbd7 0.63/18
[8...dxe4= 0.20/17 might be stronger. 9.h6 g6]
9.h6± g6 10.e5 Ng8

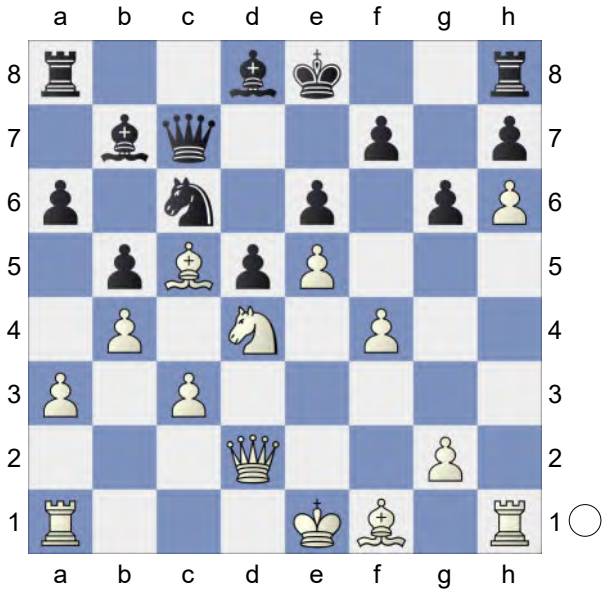


11.f4 a6 12.Nf3 c5 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Ne2 Nb8 1.52/19
[14...Rc8± 0.66/17]
15.c3 1.08/18
[⌓15.g4 1.52/19]
15...cxd4 1.56/19
[⌓15...Nc6 1.08/18]

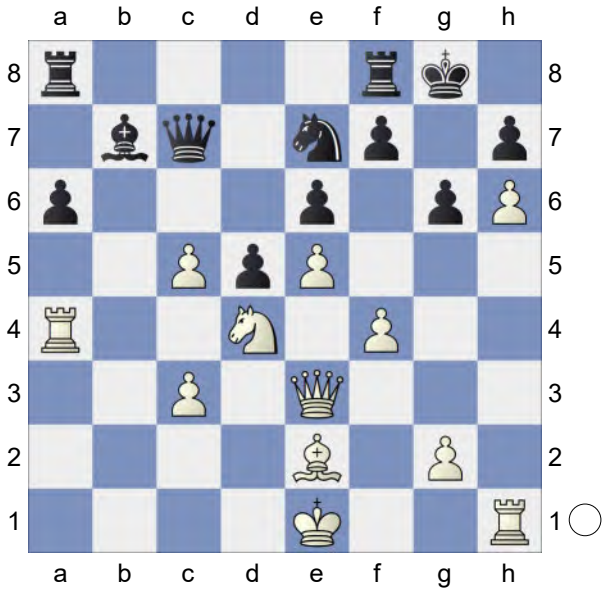
(Diagram)



16.Nexd4± Nc6 17.b4 0.78/20
[⌓17.0-0-0 1.38/17]
17...Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bd8 1.18/18
Black is weak on the dark squares
[⌓18...Bf8 0.73/21]
19.Bc5 0.82/20
[⌓19.Bd3 1.18/18]
19...Ne7 1.18/19
[⌓19...Be7 0.82/20]
20.Nd4 White has more active pieces.
20...Nc6 1.79/19
[20...Nc8± 1.05/18 21.Rh3 Nb6]



21.a4 1.00/22
[21.Bxb5!+- 1.79/19 Threatens to win with Bd6. axb5 22.Nxb5]
21...bxa4 22.Rxa4 Be7 23.Qe3 0.26/20
[23.Bxe7± 1.11/20 Kxe7 24.Qe3]
23...Bxc5= 24.bxc5 0-0 25.Be2 Ne7 0.72/19
[25...Nd8= 0.30/18 is more appropriate.]



26.Nb3 -0.59/19
[26.0-0!± 0.72/19]
26...Rfc8 0.24/19
[26...d4∓ -0.59/19 27.Nxd4 Bxg2]
27.0-0 Nf5 0.44/21
[27...Rcb8= 0.01/19 is superior.]
28.Qf2 -0.16/19
[White should play 28.Qh3± 0.44/21]
28...Nxh6 29.Rfa1 Nf5 30.Bxa6 -0.51/22
[30.Ra5= -0.01/18]
30...Bxa6

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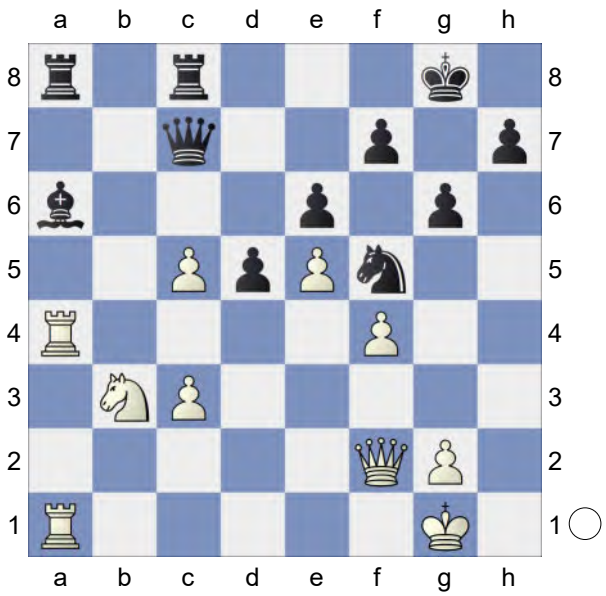
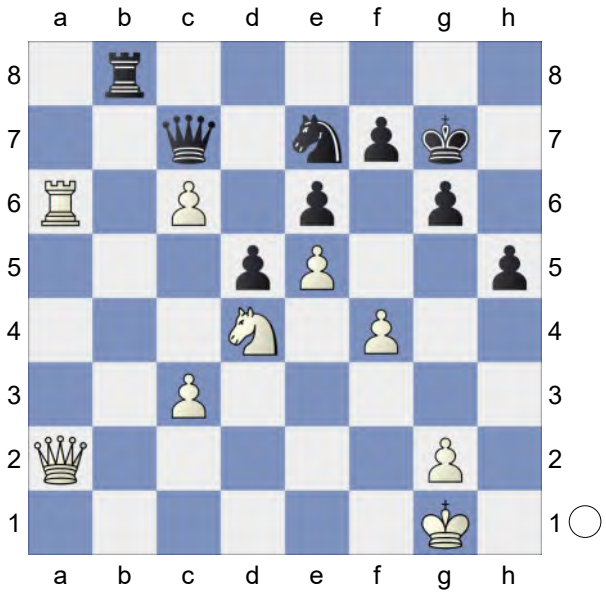


31.Rxa6 Rxa6 32.Rxa6 h5 0.01/21
[32...Qb7∓ -0.46/21 33.Rb6 Qa7]
33.c6 Ne7 0.63/22
[33...Qe7= -0.01/21]
34.Nd4 Rb8 1.44/21 Dodges Nb5
[Better is 34...Qd8± 0.54/22]
35.Qa2 0.93/21
[White should try 35.Kh2 1.44/21]
35...Kg7? 10.98/23
[35...Qd8± 0.93/21]



36.Ra7

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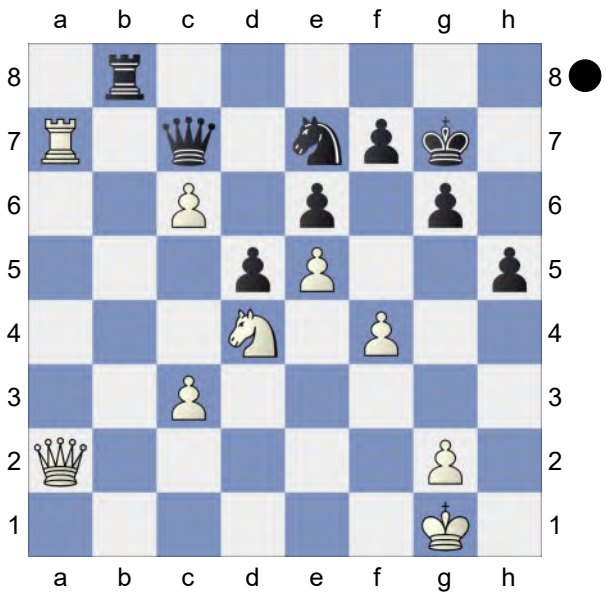

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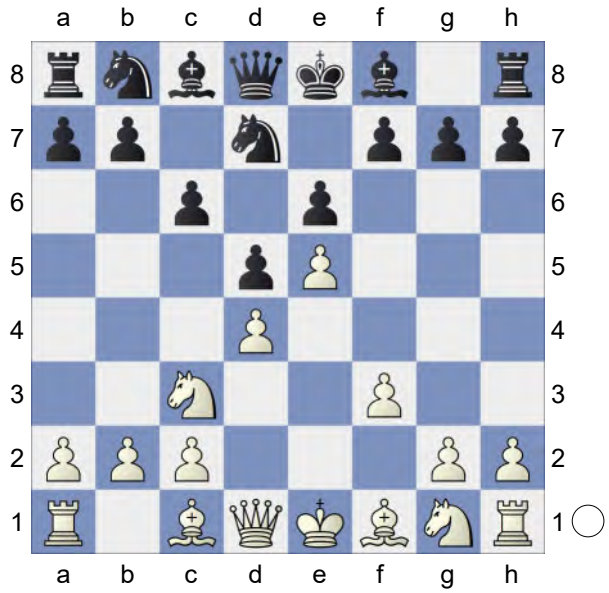
30 **C11**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2945**
■ **Keepserene** **2636**
Blitz 03.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5

[5.Bf4 b6 6.Nge2 Bb4 7.Qd3 Ba6 8.Qe3 dxe4 9.fxe4 c5 10.0-0-0 Qe7 11.a3 Ba5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bg5 Qc7 15.Nf4 Bxf1 16.Rhxf1 0-0 17.Nxd5 Qb7 18.Ne7+ Kh8 19.Rf3 Nc6 1-0 (22) 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 with 16. e (2155)-Ivan Saric Daniel Fridman (2173) corr ML-026 BdF 1999]

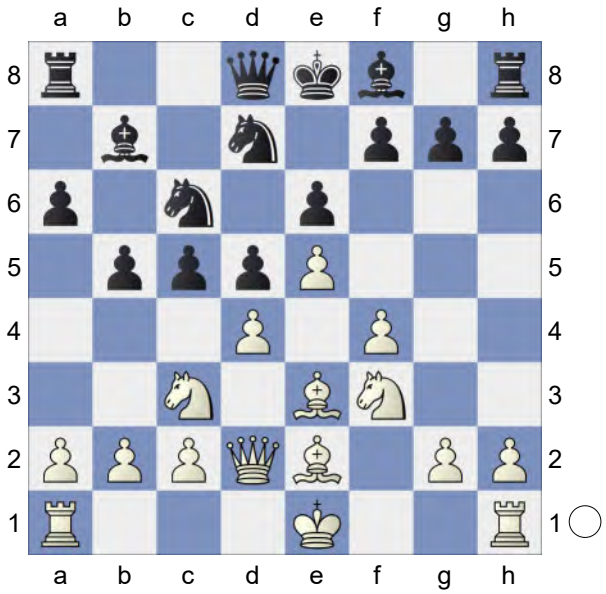
5...Nfd7



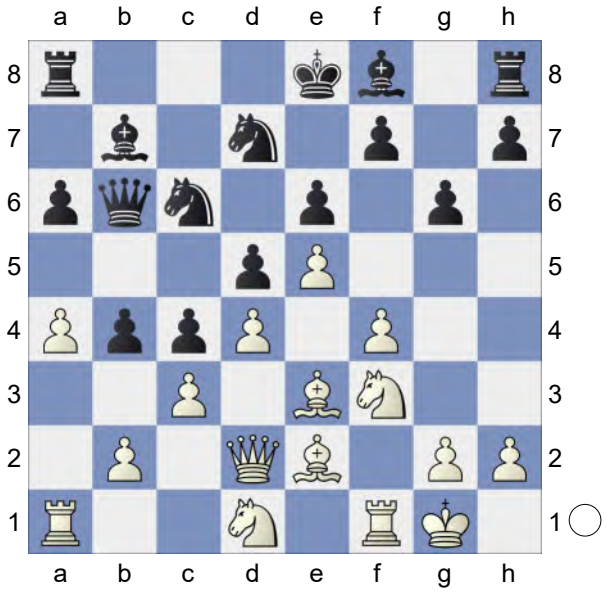
6.f4N

[6.Nce2 b6 7.f4 Ba6 8.Nf3 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.g4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Be7 12.Ng3 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Qc8 14.Qe2 a5 15.Bd2 Caro Kann-5.♘f3 ♘gf6 6.♘g3 e6 7.î Survey 2019]

6...c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 a6 9.Qd2 b5 10.Be2 Bb7



11.0-0 g6 12.Nd1 Qb6 White is slightly better. **13.c3 c4 14.a4 b4**



15.b3! cxb3

[15...bxc3 16.Qxc3]

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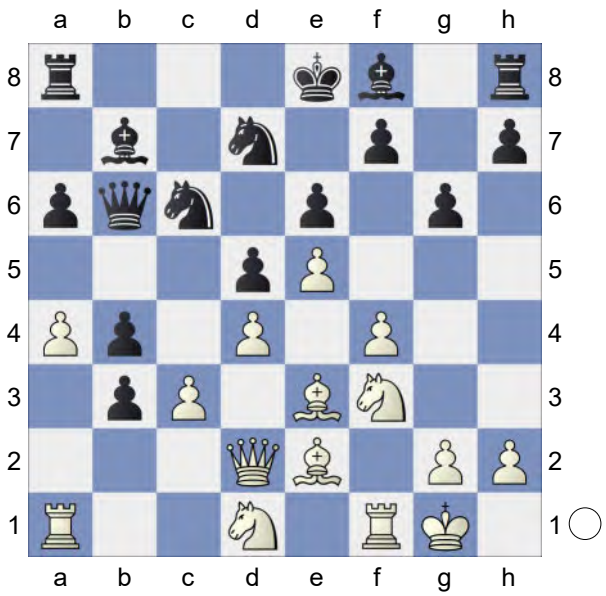
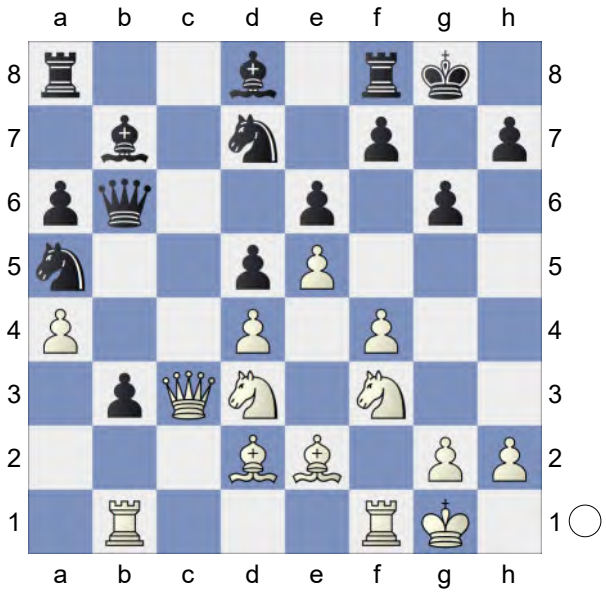
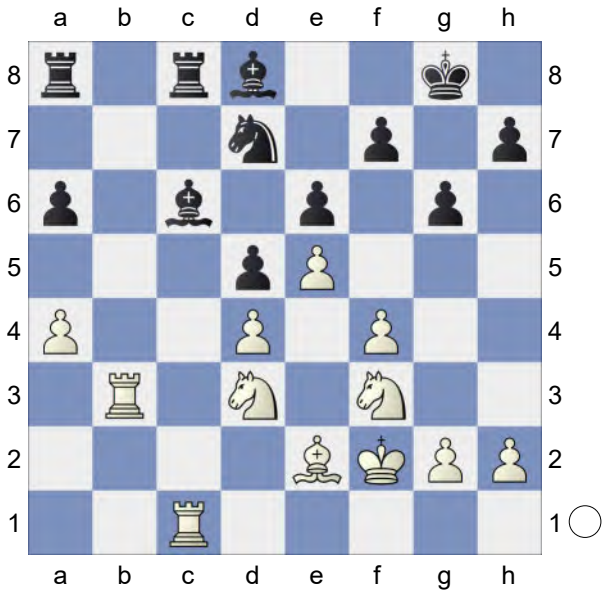


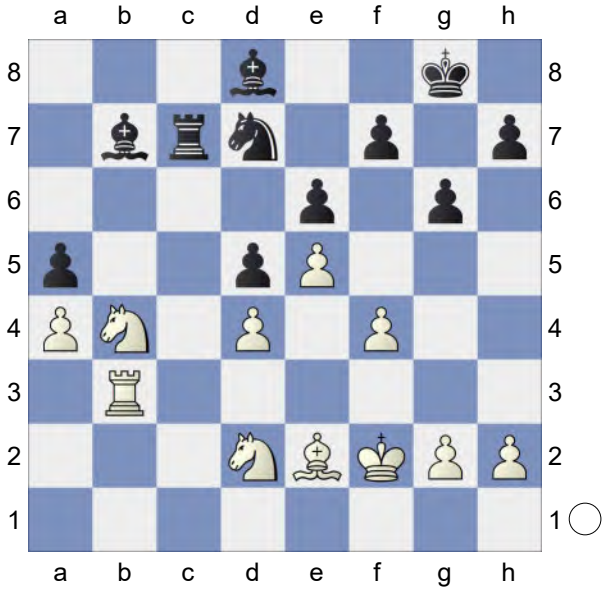
16.Rb1 -0.69/19
[16.c4= 0.24/19]
16...Na5∓ 17.Nb2 -1.41/21
[⌓17.Qe1 -0.93/17]
17...bxc3∓ 18.Qxc3 Be7 -0.01/20
[18...Bb4∓ -1.46/18 19.Qc1 0-0]
19.Bd2= Bd8! 20.Nd3 0-0



21.Qxa5 Remove Defender **21...Qxa5 22.Bxa5 Bxa5 23.Rxb3 Bc6 24.Rc1 Rfc8**
[24...Bxa4? loses. 25.Ra3+-]
25.Kf2 Bd8
[25...Bxa4 26.Ra3 Rxc1 27.Rxa4±]

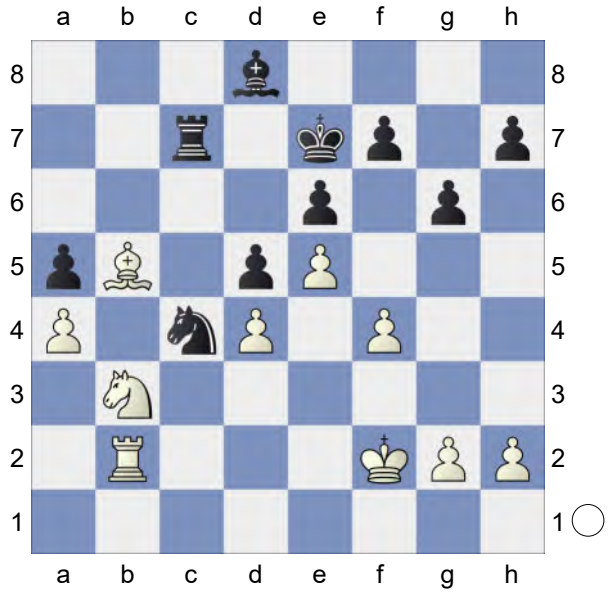


26.Rbc3 Bb7 27.Nd2 Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Rc8 29.Rb3 -0.31/21
[29.Rxc8= 0.10/21 deserves consideration. Bxc8 30.g3]
29...Rc7 30.Nb4 a5



31.Na6 -0.80/24
[31.Na2= -0.11/20]
31...Bxa6∓ 32.Bxa6 Kf8 0.01/22
[32...Rc2∓ -0.70/22 33.Ke3 Nb6]
33.Bb5 -0.84/25
[33.Ke2= 0.01/22]
33...Nb6 34.Rb2 Ke7 0.01/24

[34...Be7∓ -0.67/22]
35.Nb3= Nc4
[35...Rc3!?]



36.Rc2 Na3 37.Ra2 -0.56/21
[White should try 37.Rxc7+± 0.42/22 Bxc7 38.Bd3]
37...Rc2+ -0.01/19
[37...Nxb5∓ -0.56/21 38.axb5 Rb7]
38.Rxc2 Nxc2 Endgame. KBN-KBN
39.Ke2 -1.16/28
[39.Bd3!= 0.01/27 Nb4 40.Ke3]
39...Nb4 0.01/27
[39...Bb6∓ -1.16/28 40.Bd3 Nxd4+ 41.Nxd4 Bxd4]
40.Kd2 Bb6

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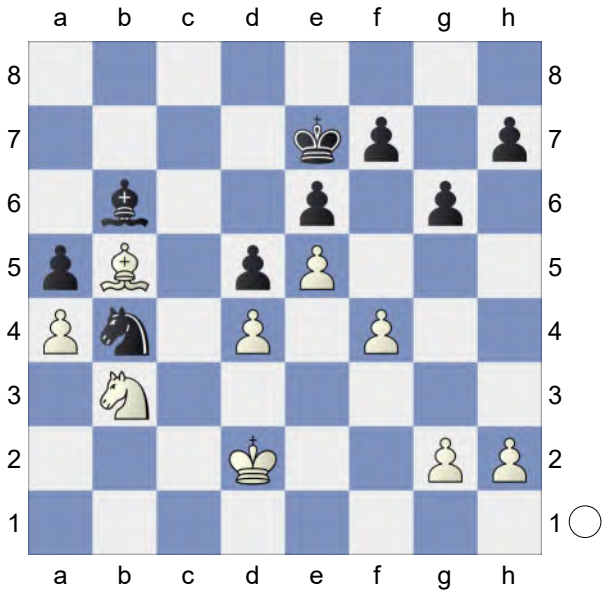
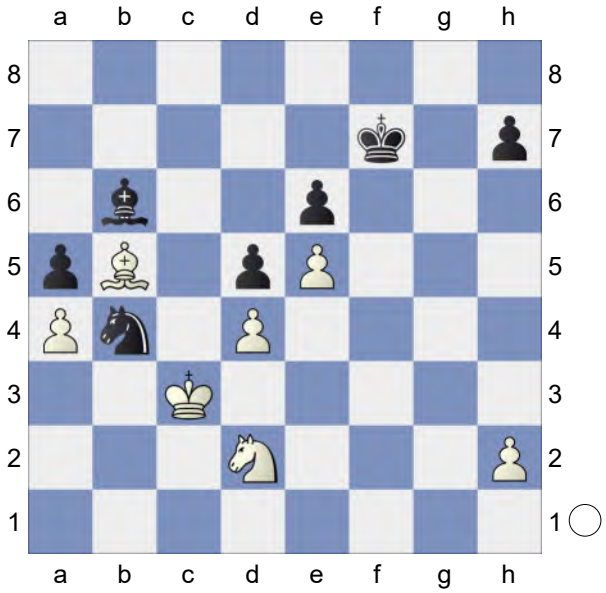
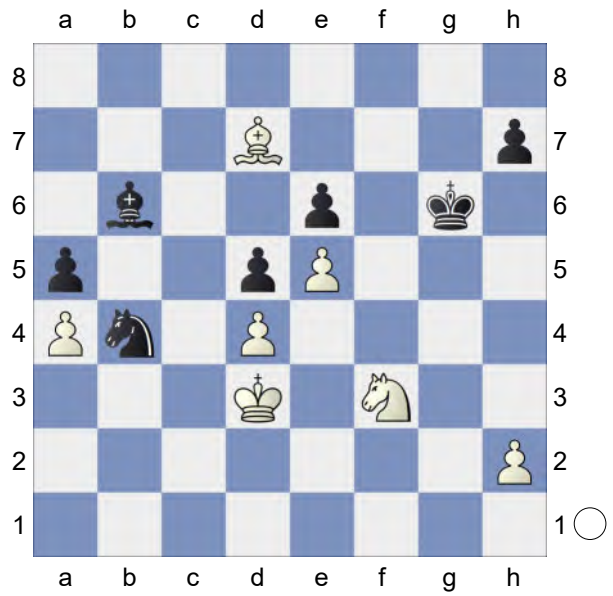


41.Kc3 f6 42.g3 g5 43.Nd2 gxf4 44.gxf4 fxe5 45.fxe5 Kf7

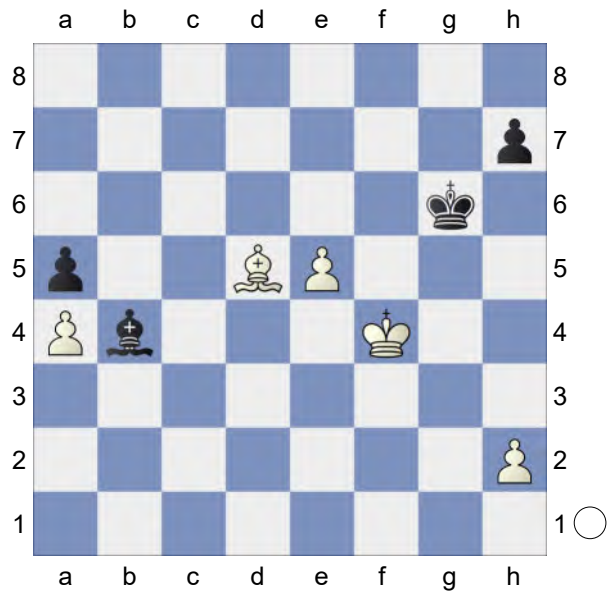


46.Nf3 Kg6 47.Bd7 Na2+ 1.33/28
[47...Kf5= -0.01/25]
48.Kd3 -0.01/27
[48.Kb2± 1.33/28 Nb4 49.Bxe6]
48...Nb4+ 49.Ke2 Nc2 50.Kd3
[50.Bxe6 Nxd4+ 51.Nxd4 Bxd4]
50...Nb4+

(Diagram)

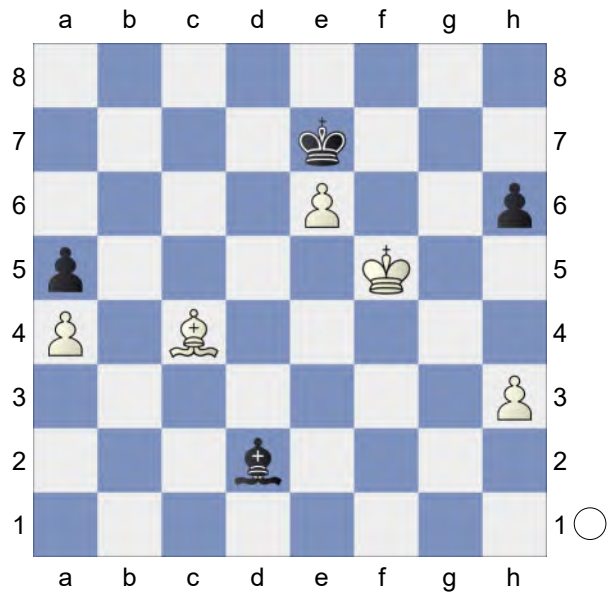


51.Ke3 Nc2+ 52.Kf4 -0.55/24
[52.Kd3= 0.01/26 Nb4+]
52...Nxd4 -0.01/32
[52...Kf7!∓ -0.55/24]
53.Nxd4 Remove Defender **53...Bxd4**
54.Bxe6∓ KB-KB **54...Bc3** 0.85/28
[54...Bg1= 0.01/28]
55.Bxd5± Bb4

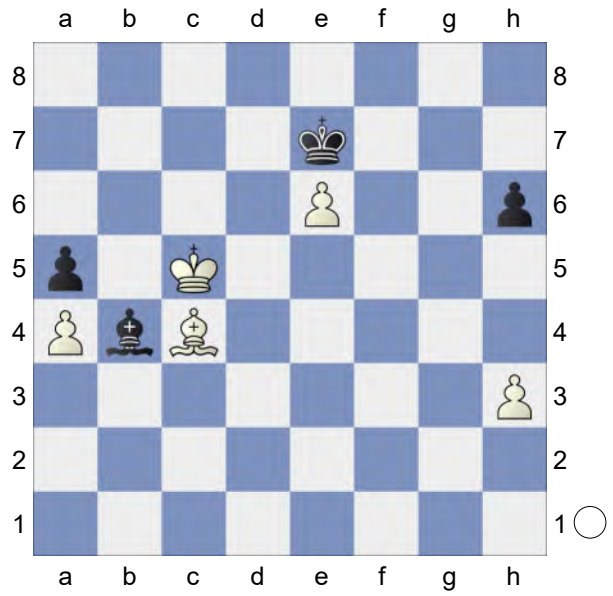


56.Ke4 h6 57.h3 Kg7 58.Bc4 Kf8 59.Kf5 Ke7 60.e6 0.31/34
[White should play 60.h4± 1.07/30]
60...Bd2

(Diagram)



61.Kg6 Bc1 62.Kf5 Bd2 63.Ke4 Bc1 64.Kd5 Bd2 65.Kc5 Bb4+



66.Kb5 Bd2 67.Bd5 Be1 68.Kc4 Bd2 69.Kd3 Be1 70.Ke2 Bb4

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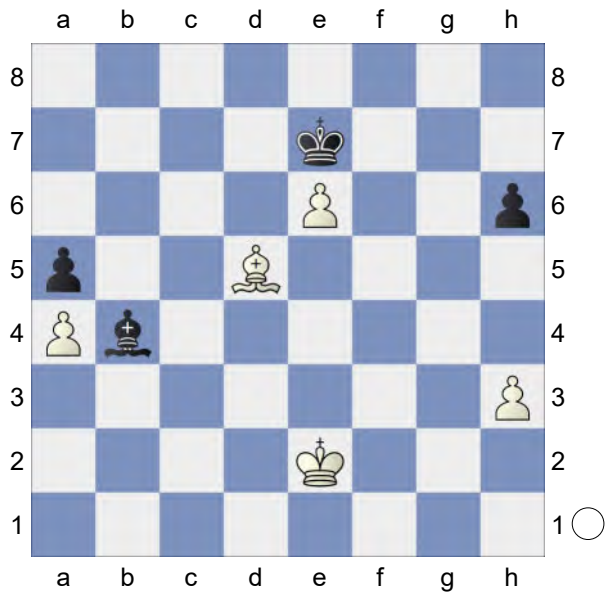
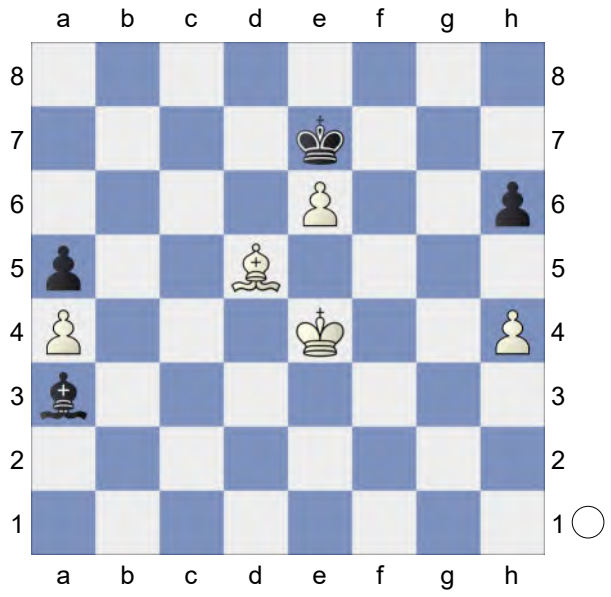


71.h4 0.01/32
[71.Kf3± 0.42/30 is superior.]
71...Ba3 72.Kf3 Bb4 73.Kg4 Ba3 74.Kf3 Bc1 75.Ke4 Ba3



76.Kf5 Bc1 77.Kg6 Bd2 78.Bc4 Bc1 79.Kf5 Bd2 80.Ke4 Bc1

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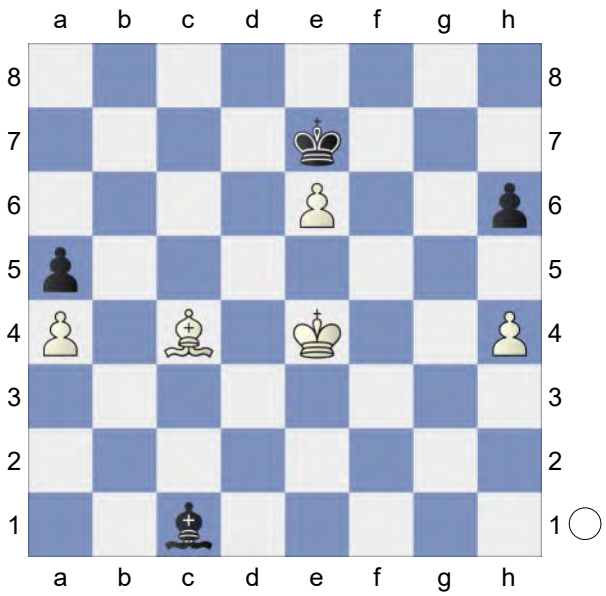
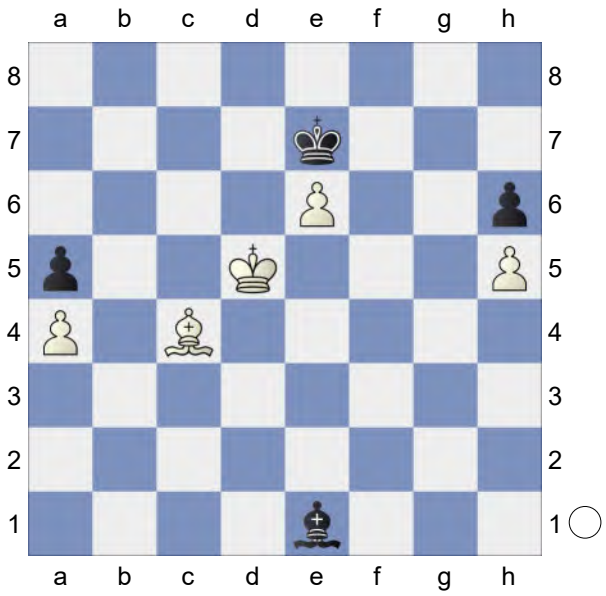


81.Kd3 Ba3 82.Kc3 Bb4+ 83.Kd4 Be1 84.h5 Bb4 85.Kd5 Be1



86.Bd3 Bb4 87.Be4 Be1 88.Bf5 Bb4 89.Bg6 Be1 90.Ke4 Bd2 0.67/41
[90...Kxe6= -0.01/43 91.Kd3 Kd5]

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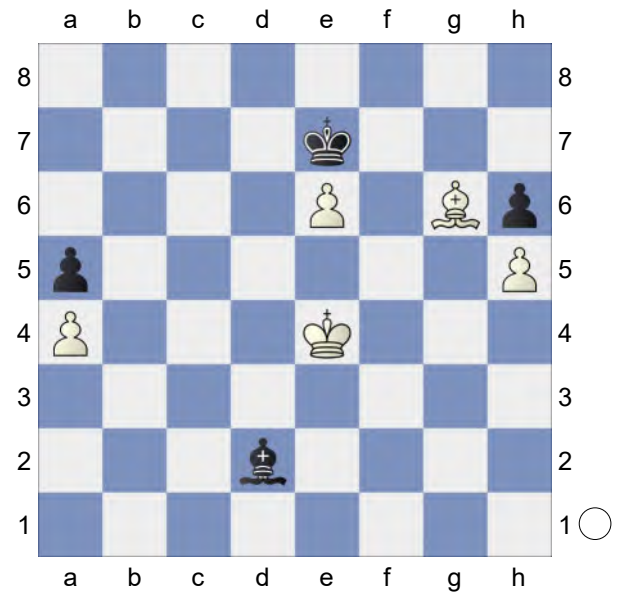
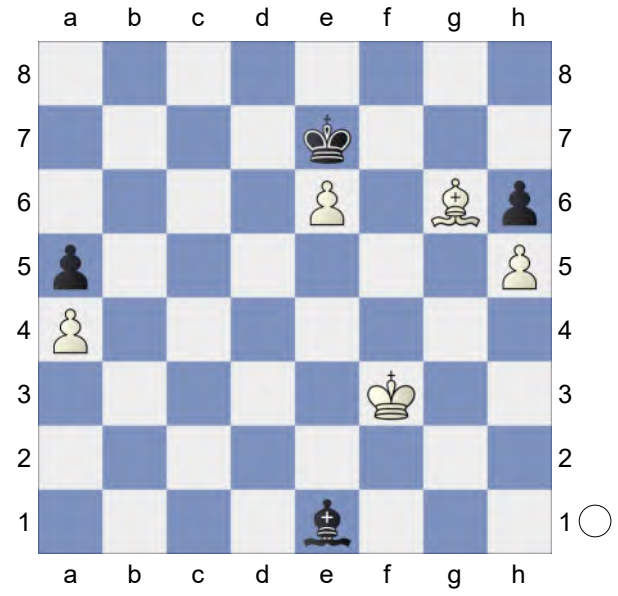
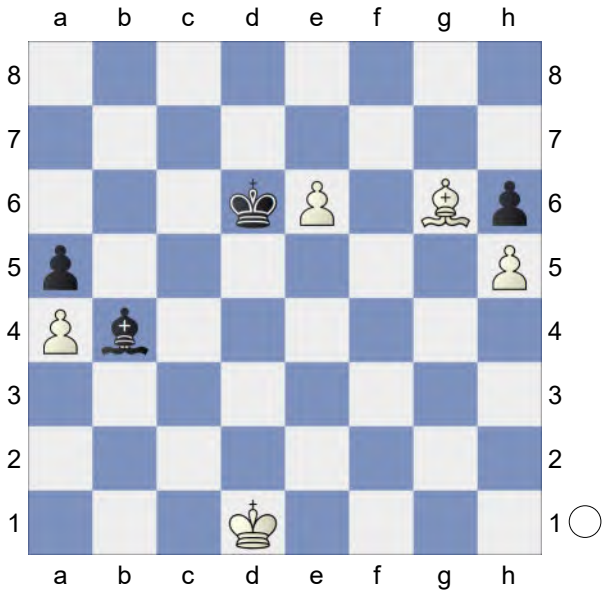


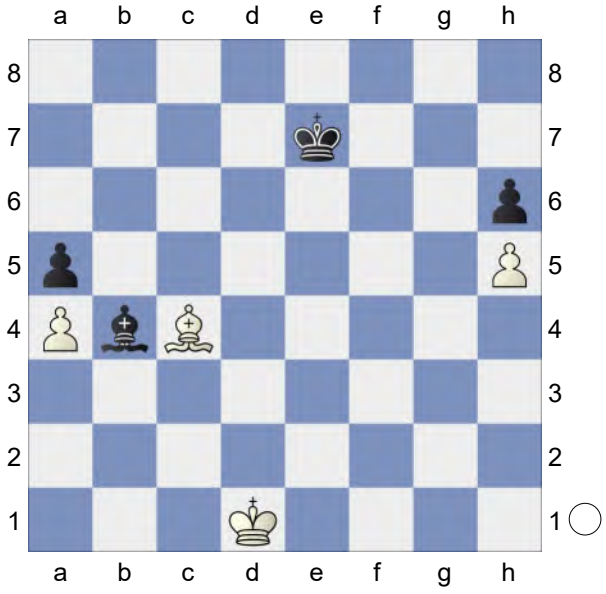
91.Kf3 -0.01/44
[91.Bf5± 0.67/41]
91...Be1 0.78/41
[91...Kxe6= -0.01/44 remains equal. 92.Bh7 Kf6]



92.Ke2 0.01/37
[92.Bf5!± 0.78/41]
92...Bb4 93.Kd3 Bc5 0.69/36
[93...Kxe6= -0.01/39 94.Ke3 Be7]
94.Kc2 -0.01/36
[Better is 94.Bf5± 0.69/36]
94...Bb4 The position is equal. **95.Kd1 Kd6**



96.Bf5 Ke7 97.Be4 Kd6 98.e7
Deflection **98...Kxe7 99.Bd5 Kd6**
100.Bc4 Ke7



101.Bd3 Kf6 102.Bg6 Kg5 103.Ke2 Bc5 104.Kf3 Bb4 105.Ke4 Kf6

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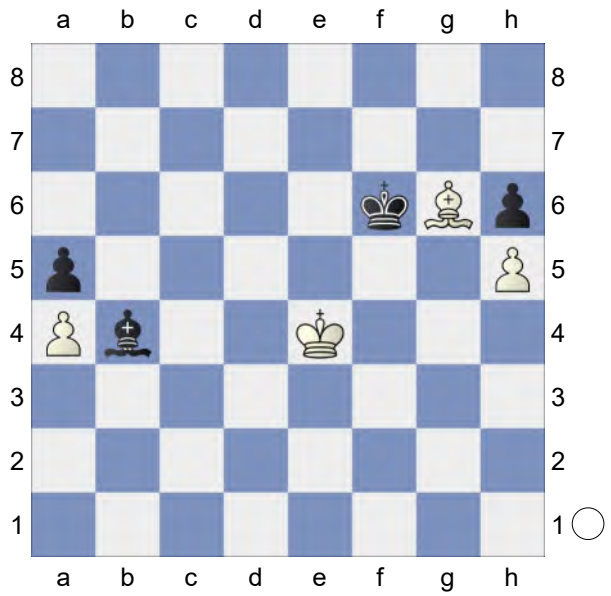
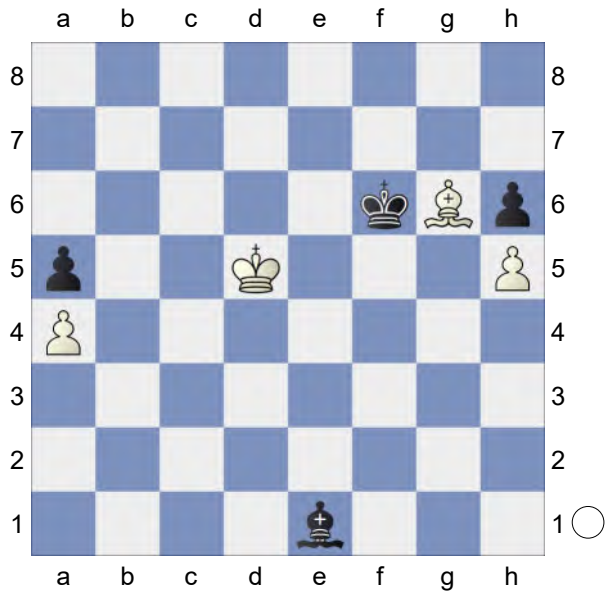


106.Kd5 Bc3 107.Kc4 Bb4 108.Kb5 Bc3 109.Kc5 Bd2 110.Kd5 Be1



111.Bf7? -16.03/36

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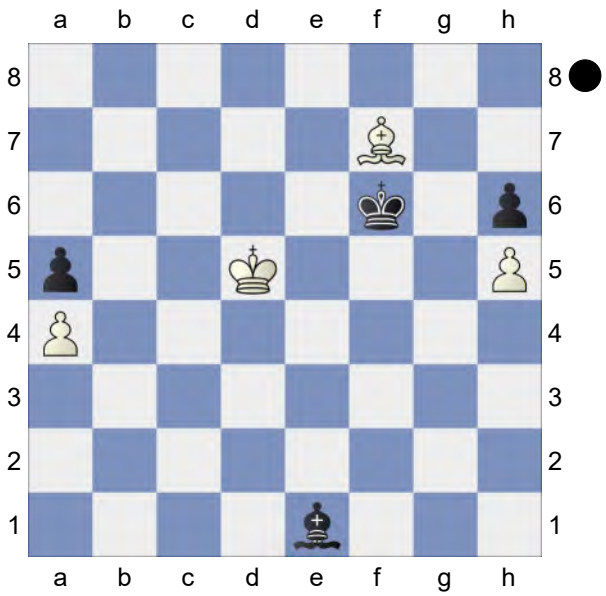

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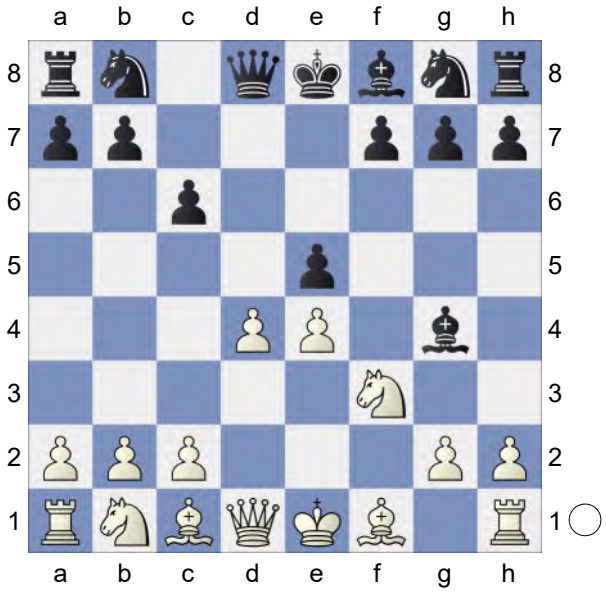
31 **B12**
□ **Kira523** **2848**
■ **Gmalvaralonso** **2675**
Blitz 16.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
7...Ngf6 8.c3 Bd6 9.Bg5 The position is equal. **9...h6 10.Bh4**
[10.Bxf6 is more complex. Nxf6 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.Nxe5+ Bxe5 13.Qxg4 Bxd4+ 14.cxd4 Qxd4+ 15.Kh1]
10...0-0

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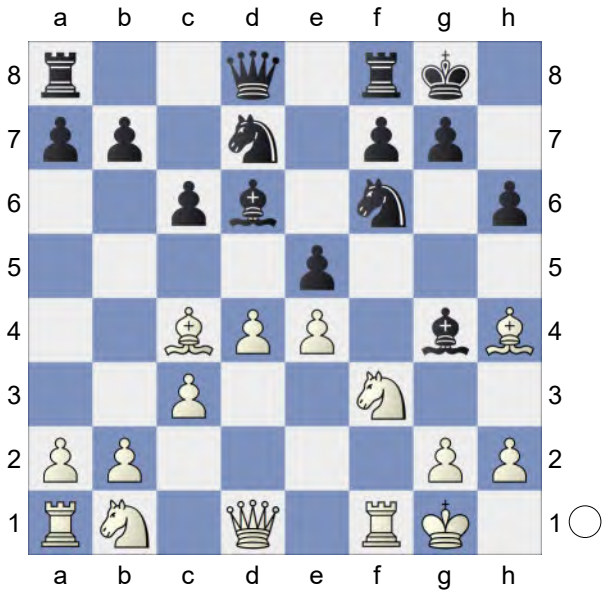

11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bg3N -0.95/20
[13.Qc2= 0.01/18 Bg6 14.Bd3 b5 15.dxe5 *(15.Rae1 Nh5 16.Bf2 Rab8 17.a4 a6* Middlegame Play-Fantasy Variatio The Caro-Kann for Club Players 2022*)* 15...Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Nf3 Qf4 18.Rae1 Nc5 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.b4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 a5 *(21...Rfe8 22.Re3 a5* - Kofidis,S (2558)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11.♗d2 (2645) Deutschland 102/(47) 2008 (2) *)* 22.a3 axb4 23.axb4 Rfe8 24.Nd4 Qh4 25.Nxc6 Bxe4 26.Qd7 Qg3 Chapter-Minor Systems 3.f3]
13...b5 -0.35/20
[13...Bxf3∓ -0.95/20 14.Rxf3 exd4 15.Bxd6 Qxd6]
14.Bd3∓ c5 15.d5 c4

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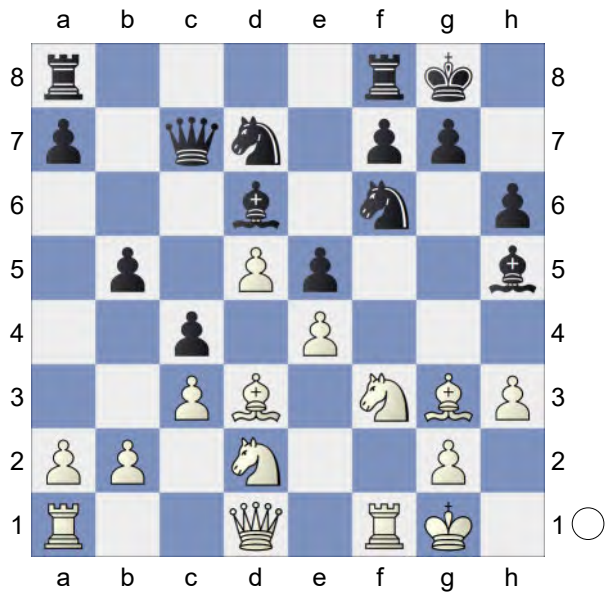

16.Be2 -1.19/21
[16.Bc2= -0.26/18 keeps the balance.]
16...g5 0.23/20
[16...Nc5∓ -1.19/21 17.Nh4 Nfxe4 *(17...Ncxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Be1∓)* 18.Nxe4 Nxe4]
17.a4= a6 18.h4 Nc5? 1.61/21
[18...Ng4= -0.01/20]
19.hxg5? 0.01/21
[19.Nxg5!+- 1.61/21 Bxe2 20.Qxe2]
19...Nfxe4
[19...Ncxe4? 20.Bh4 Qb6+ 21.Kh1 Nxd2 22.Nxd2 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Nxd5 24.axb5+- *(24.gxh6 Be7±)*]
20.Bh4 Kh8 0.88/21
[20...bxa4?! 21.gxh6 *(21.Bxc4? hxg5 22.Be1 Qb6-+; 21.Nxc4 Bg6±)* 21...Bg6 22.Nxc4± *(22.Bxc4 Rab8=)*]
[20...Bxf3!∓ -0.55/20 stays ahead. 21.Bxf3 Nxd2 *(21...Nxg5 22.Be4±)* 22.Qxd2 Nb3 *(22...bxa4? 23.gxh6 f6 24.Bxf6+-)*]

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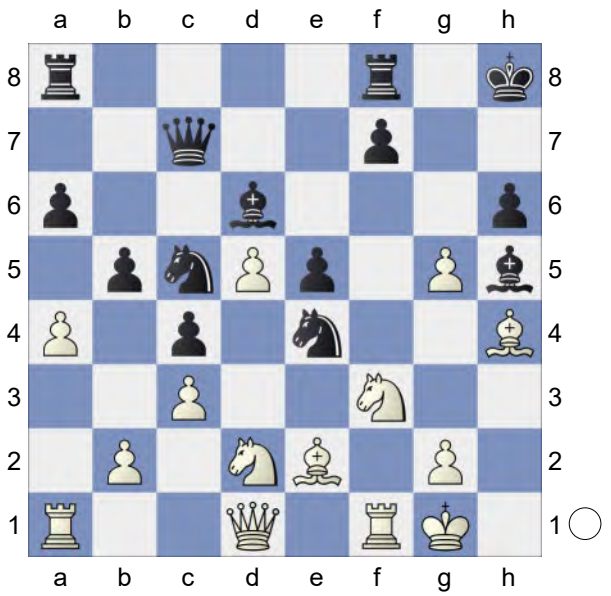
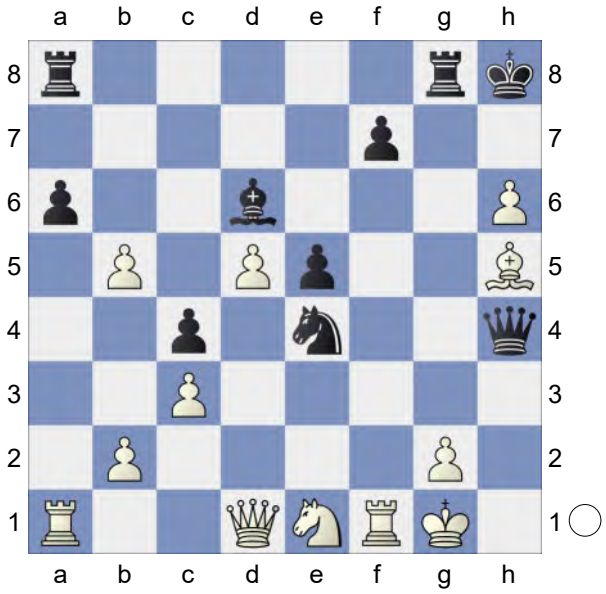


21.gxh6 0.38/21
[21.Nxe4± 0.88/21 Nxe4 22.Nd2 Discovered Attack Qc5+ 23.Kh1]
21...Rg8 1.20/21
[21...bxa4? 22.Nxc4 *(22.Ng5 Nxd2 23.Qxd2 Bg6±)* 22...Bg6 23.Nfd2+-]
[Black should try 21...f5± 0.38/21]
22.axb5 Qd7 Threatens to win with ... Qh3.
[22...f5? 23.Nxc4 *(23.Bxc4 Nxd2* Remove Defender *24.Qxd2 Ne4=)* 23...Raf8 24.bxa6+-]
23.Nxe4? -0.82/21
[23.Bxc4? Qh3 24.Qe2 Rg4-+ *(24...Nxd2 25.Bf6+ Kh7 26.Ng5+ Rxg5 27.Bxg5∓; 24...Nxd2 25.Bf6+ Kh7 26.Ng5+ Rxg5 27.Bxg5=)*]
[23.Nxc4 Qg4 *(23...Qxb5? 24.Nxd6 Qb6 25.Nc4+-; 23...Qh3? 24.Bg5+-)* 24.Rf2 *(24.Ncxe5? Qxg2#; 24.Ne3 Qf4∓)* 24...Bb8± *(24...Nxf2 25.Qf1∓)*]
[23.Qe1± 0.75/22 and life is bright.]
23...Nxe4∓ 24.Ne1? -8.80/21 Black continues to play with concentration.
[24.Rxa6? Qh3-+ *(24...Qxb5? 25.Rxa8* Deflection *Rxa8 26.Ng5+-; 24...Qxb5? 25.Rxa8 Rxa8*

26.Ng5+-)]
[24.Ng5∓ -0.52/18 Bxe2 25.Qxe2 Nxg5 26.bxa6]
24...Qh3!-+ 25.Bxh5 Qxh4



26.b4 Against Bc5+ **26...cxb3 27.Rf3** White is weak on the dark squares
27...Bc5+ 28.Kf1 Qxh5 -10.94/20
[⌓28...Nxc3 -#4/13 29.Qd4 Qxd4 *(29...Bxd4? 30.Re3 Bxe3 31.bxa6 Qh1#; 29...Qh1+ 30.Kf2 Bxd4+ 31.Re3 Qh4+ 32.g3 Qxg3+* Pin, Double Attack *33.Kf1 Qg1#)* 30.Re3 Qxe3 31.bxa6 Qg1#]
29.Ra4 Qh1+ 30.Ke2 Rxg2+

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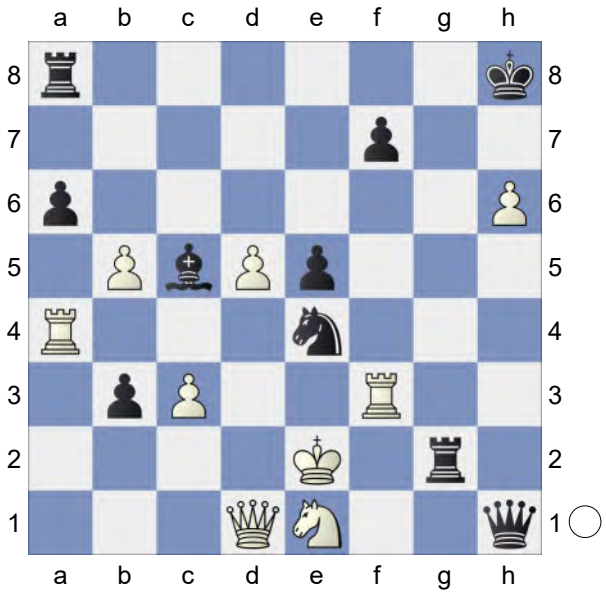

31.Nxg2 Qxg2+ -16.93/20
[⌓31...Nxc3+ -#13/20 32.Rxc3 Qxg2+ 33.Kd3 Qxd5+ 34.Ke2 Qg2+ 35.Kd3 Rd8+ Skewer *(35...axb5? 36.Rxa8+ Qxa8 37.Rxc5+-)* 36.Kc4 Rxd1 37.Kxc5 Qd5+ 38.Kb4 b2 *(38...Qxb5+ 39.Ka3 b2 40.Rc8+ Kh7 41.Rb4 b1Q 42.Rxb1 Rxb1 43.Rh8+ Kxh8 44.Ka2 Qb3#)* 39.Rc8+ Kh7 40.Rh8+ Kxh8 41.Ka3 b1Q *(41...b1R? 42.Rc4 Qxc4 43.bxa6 Qxa6#; 41...b1N+ 42.Kb2 Rd2+ 43.Ka1 Nc3 44.bxa6 Qh1#)* 42.Rc4 Rd3+ 43.Ka4 Qdxb5#]
32.Kd3

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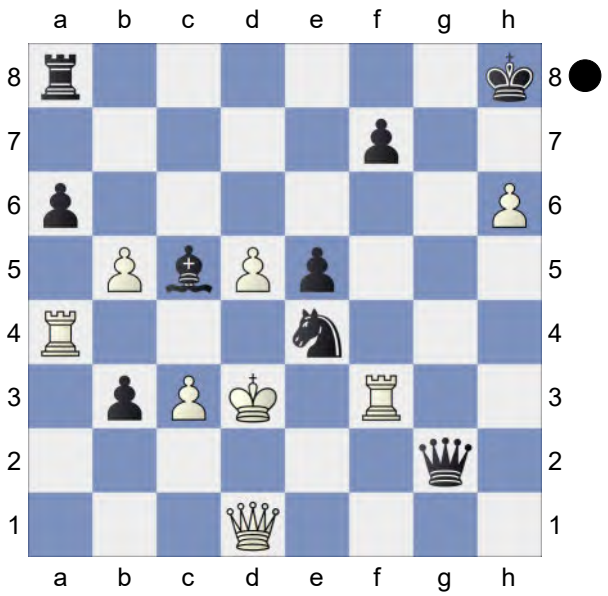
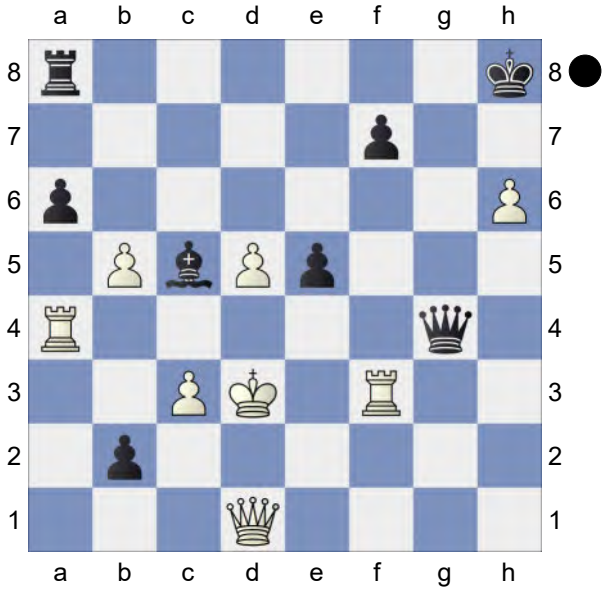


b2! 33.Kxe4
[33.Rxe4 b1B+]
33...Qg4+ -16.80/21
[⌓33...b1Q+ -#5/12 34.Qxb1 Qe2+ 35.Re3 Back Rank Qxe3+ 36.Kf5 Qf3+ 37.Kxe5 Re8#]
34.Kd3



Qxf3+ -7.21/22 **35.Qxf3 b1Q+**
[35...b1R 36.Qf6+ Kh7 37.Qg7#]

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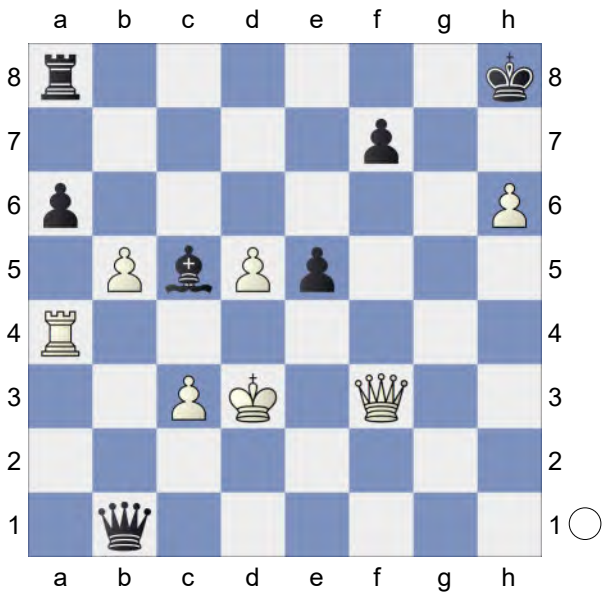

36.Kd2 White wants to mate with Qf6+.
36...Qb2+
[36...Qxb5 37.Qf6+ Kh7 38.Qg7#]
37.Kd1 Intending Qf6+ and mate.
37...Qb1+? 0.01/24
[37...Qxb5 38.Qf6+ Kh7 39.Qg7#]
[37...Qb3+ 38.Ke1 Qb1+ *(38...Qxa4 39.Qf6+ Kh7 40.Qg7#)* 39.Kd2]
[37...Be7-+ -4.38/18 38.d6 Rg8]
38.Ke2? -8.73/20
[38.Kd2= 0.01/24 Be7 *(38...Qxb5 39.Qf6+ Kh7 40.Qg7#)* 39.Qg3]
38...Qc2+ 39.Ke1 Qc1+
[39...Qxa4 40.Qf6+ Kh7 41.Qg7#]
40.Ke2 Qf6+ would kill now. **40...Qc2+?** 0.01/21
[Black should play 40...f5-+ -5.09/20 41.Qg3 Qc2+ *(41...Qxh6? 42.Rh4+- Pin)* 42.Ke1 Bf2+ *(42...Qxa4 43.Qg7#)* 43.Qxf2 Qxa4 44.Qxf5 Qf4 *(44...axb5 45.Qxe5+ Kh7 46.Qg7#)* 45.Qxf4 exf4]

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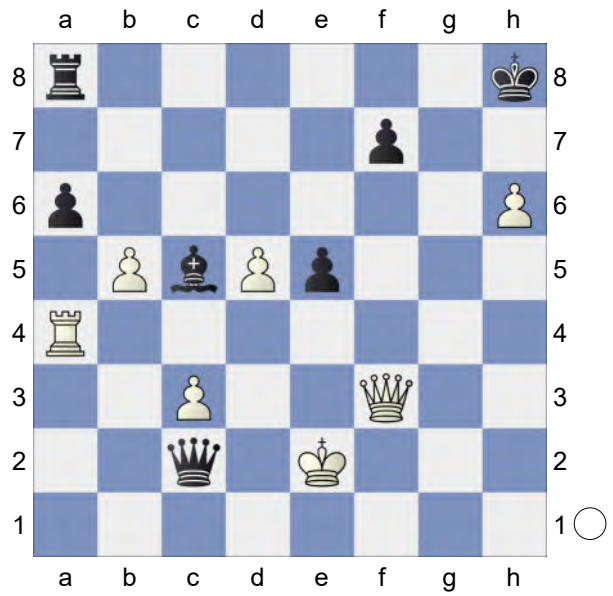

41.Kf1? -13.32/20
[41.Ke1= 0.01/21 Be7 *(41...Qxa4 42.Qf6+ Kh7 43.Qg7#)* 42.Qe2 Qxc3+ *(42...Qxa4? 43.Qxe5+ f6 44.Qxe7-+)* 43.Kf2 Bc5+ 44.Kf1]
41...Qc1+? -0.01/24
[Inferior is 41...Qxa4 42.Qf6+ Kh7 43.Qg7#]
[41...f5-+ -13.32/20 (-> ...Rg8!) 42.Qg3 Qd1+ *(42...Qxa4 43.Qg7#)* 43.Kg2 Rg8 *(43...Qxa4 44.Qg7#)* 44.Qxg8+ Kxg8 45.h7+ Decoy Kxh7 46.Rh4+ Kg7 47.Rc4 Qe2+ *(47...Qxd5+ 48.Kf1 Qxc4+ 49.Ke1 Qxc3+ 50.Ke2 Qc2+ 51.Ke1 axb5 52.Kf1 Qf2#)* 48.Kh3 Qxc4 49.bxa6 Qe2 *(49...Qxd5 50.Kh2 Qd2+ 51.Kh3 Qe2 52.c4 Bg1 53.Kh4 Qg4#)* 50.c4 Bg1 51.Kh4 Qg4#]
42.Kg2? -10.46/23
[42.Ke2= -0.01/24 Qc2+ *(42...Qxh6 43.d6-+)*]
42...Rg8+ 43.Qg3 Qg1+ 44.Kf3 Qxg3+ 45.Ke4 Qf2 -16.45/5
[⌓45...Rg4+ -#3/8 46.Kf5 Rf4+ 47.Rxf4 Qxf4#]

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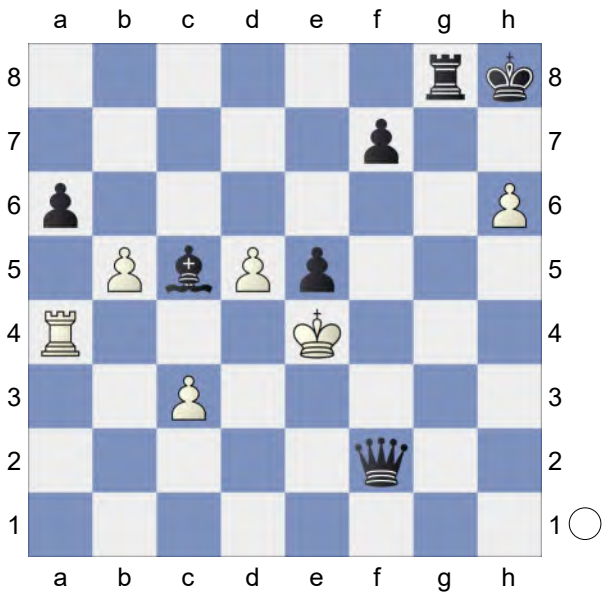

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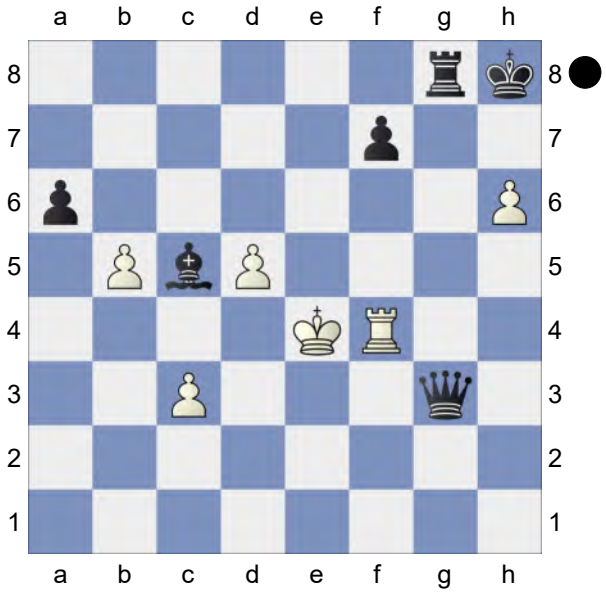
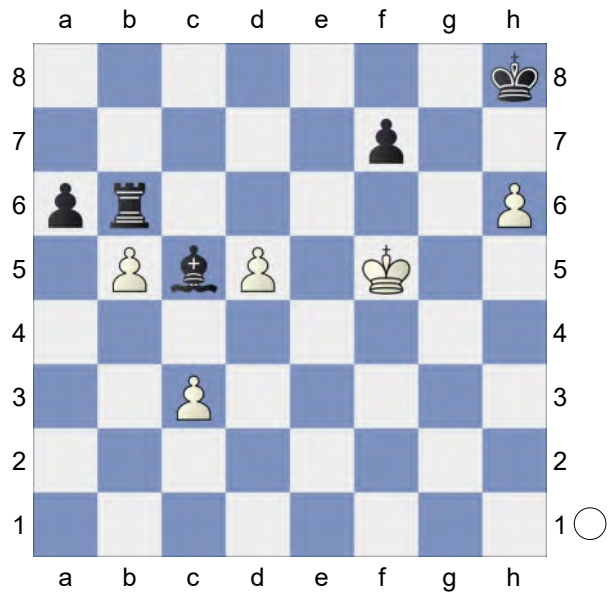
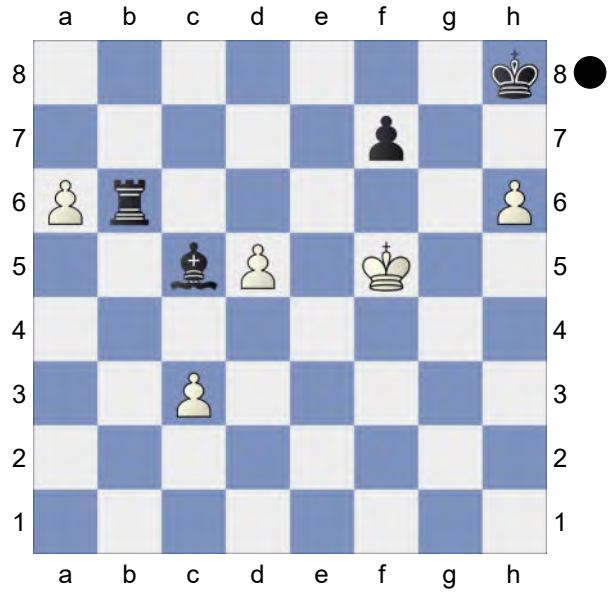


Qxf4+ -10.96/5 **49.Kxf4 Rg6** -16.14/20
[⌓49...a5 -#16/21 50.Ke4 a4 51.Kd3 a3 52.Kc2 a2 *(52...Rg2+* gets mated. *53.Kb3 a2 54.b6 a1Q 55.Kc4 Bxb6 56.Kb5 Qxc3 57.Ka6 Ra2+ 58.Kxb6 Rb2+ 59.Ka7 Qa5#)* 53.Kd3 a1Q *(53...a1B? 54.Ke4-+)* 54.Kc4 Bd6 *(54...Qg1 55.d6 Rg5 56.b6 Qf1+ 57.Kb3 Qb5+ 58.Kc2 Rg2+ 59.Kd1 Qf1#)* 55.Kd4 Rg4+ 56.Ke3 Qd1 57.Kf2 Bc5#]
50.Kf5 Rb6



51.bxa6



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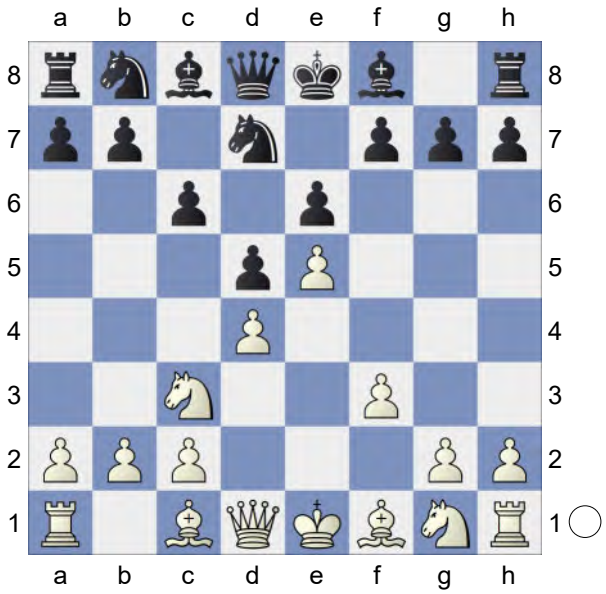
32 **C11**
□ **Bettercollsoul** **2876**
■ **Jjdu56** **2512**
Blitz 28.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4
1.e4
[1.f4]
1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bb4N
[9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 Rac8 24.h5 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]
10.Be2 Qa5

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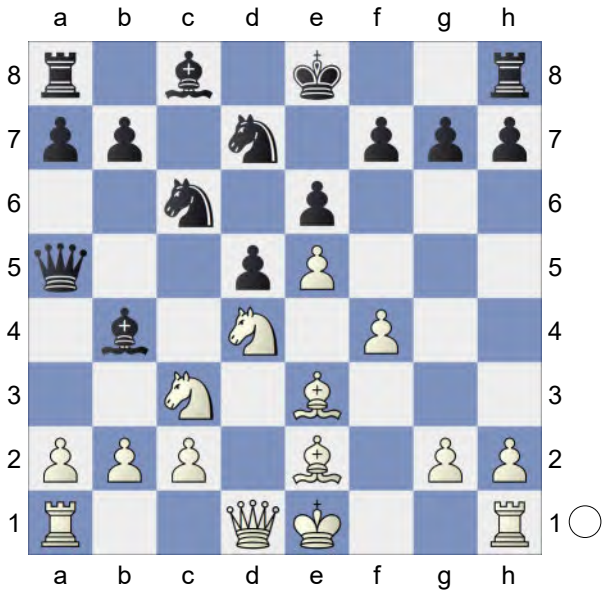
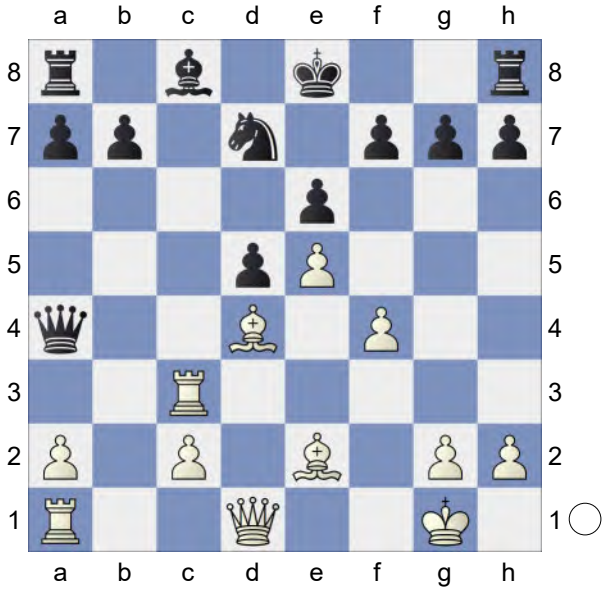


11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 White is slightly better. **12...Qxc3 13.Rf3 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qc6** 1.46/19
[14...Qa5± 0.50/19]
15.Rc3± White is more active. **15...Qa4**



16.f5!↑ White is in control. **16...exf5**

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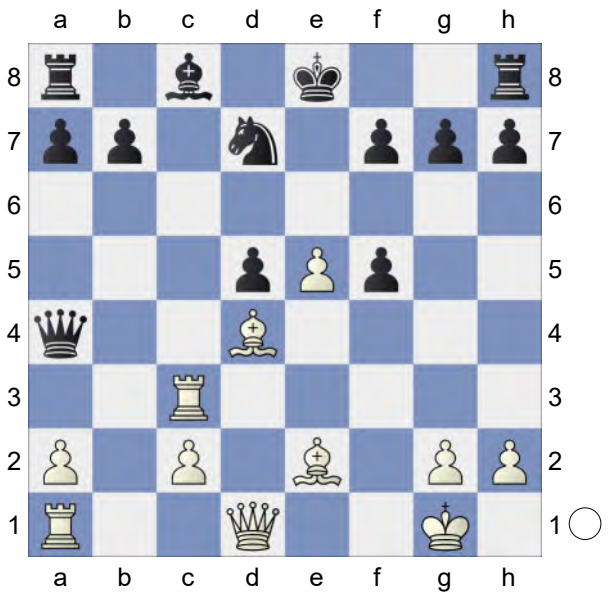
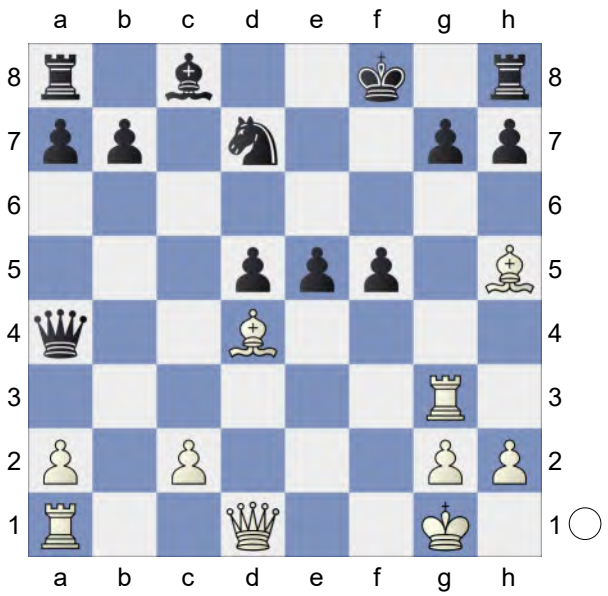
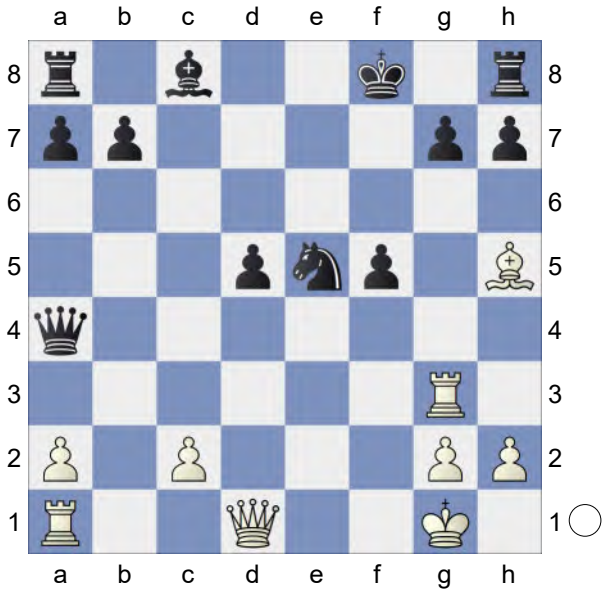


17.e6! Discovered Attack **17...fxe6**
18.Bh5+? -0.44/18 A strong pair of Bishops.
[Don't play 18.Bxg7?! Rg8 19.Rg3 Qh4±]
[18.Rb1!± 1.37/20 Bb5 is the strong threat. e5 *(18...Qxa2? 19.Ra1+-)* 19.Bxe5 Discovered Attack]
18...Kf8? 3.00/20
[18...Ke7!∓ -0.44/18 keeps the upper hand.]
19.Rg3? 0.35/20
[19.Rc7 Qa5 20.Rc3 Nf6= *(20...e5? 21.Qe1+-)*]
[19.Qd2+- 3.00/20 h6 20.Rg3]
19...e5? 3.81/20
[19...Rg8!± 0.35/20]

(Diagram)



20.Bxe5!+- Discovered Attack **20...Nxe5**



21.Qxd5 Qd7
[Inferior is 21...Ng6 22.Qd6+ Kg8 23.Bf3+-]
22.Qxe5 Re1 would kill now. **22...Qe7**

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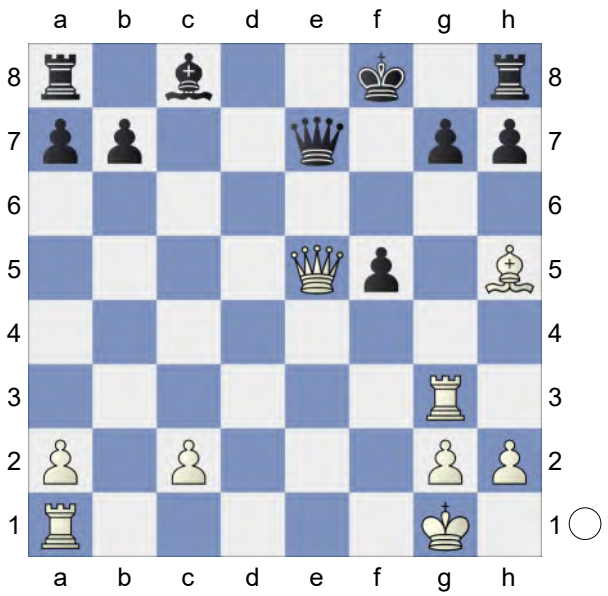
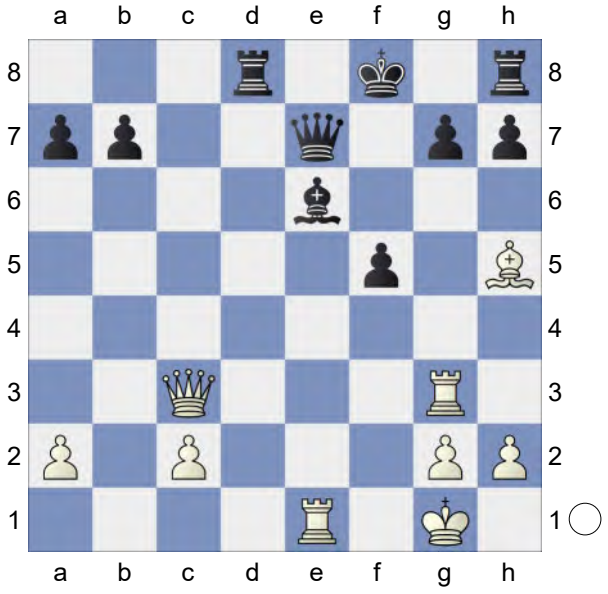


23.Qc3 Be6 24.Re1 Intending Rxe6! and mate. **24...Rd8** #14/20

[24...Rc8+- 4.16/20 25.Rxe6 Rxc3 26.Rxe7 Kxe7 27.Rxc3 Rd8]



25.Rxe6! Deflection **25...Qd7**

[25...Rd1+ 26.Bxd1]

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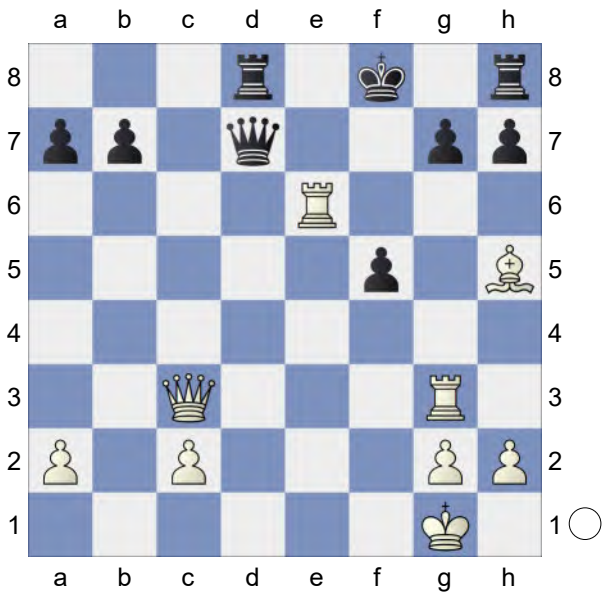
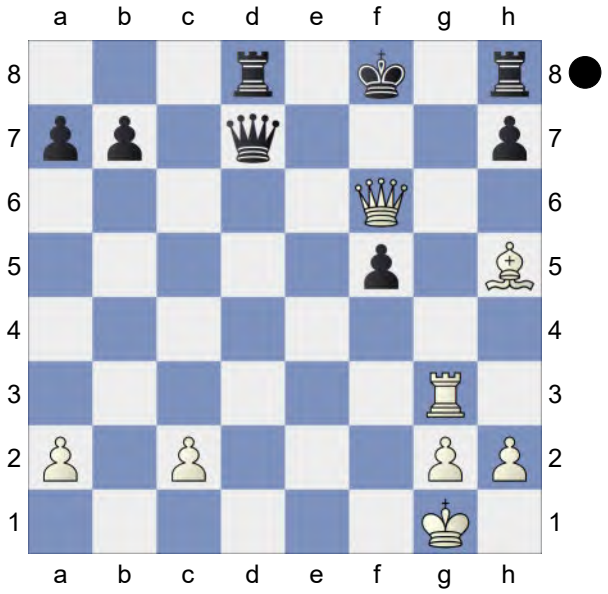


26.Rf6+ gxf6 27.Qxf6+



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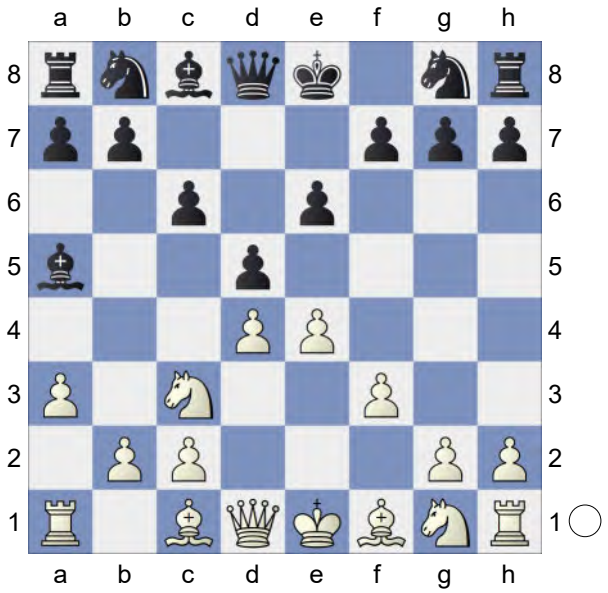
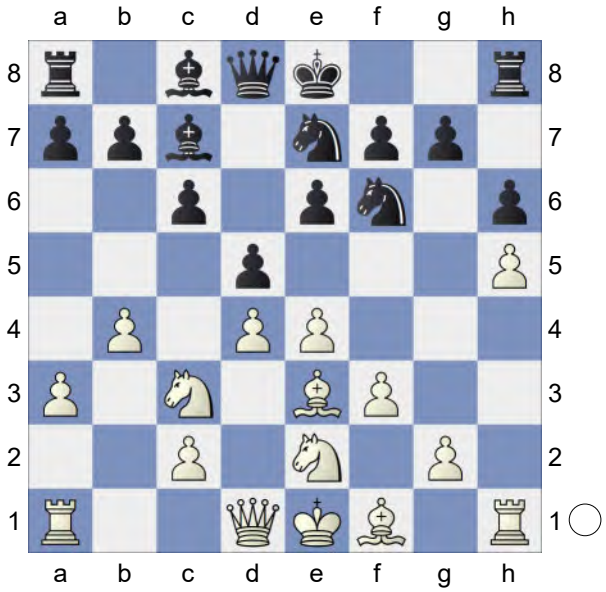
33 **B12**
□ **Eyesless18** **2875**
■ **Daro94** **2897**
Blitz 27.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Inf 98/(65) **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.a3 Ba5**
[5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 dxe4 *(6...b6 7.Bd3 Ba6 8.Ne2 Ne7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ng3 Bxd3 11.cxd3 Nd7 12.Ra2 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.d4 Nb7 15.e5 Rc8 16.Rc2 Qd7 17.Nh5 Kh8 18.f4 Ng8 19.g4 f5 20.gxf5 Rxf5 21.Rg2* (37) Del Rio De Angelis,S (2520)-Pepino,E (2200) Terme 122/(194) 2014 *)* 7.Qe2 exf3 8.Nxf3 Nf6 9.Qe3 Nbd7 10.Bd3 b6 11.0-0 Zvjaginsev,V (2675)-Kharitonov,A (2514) Russia 2006]

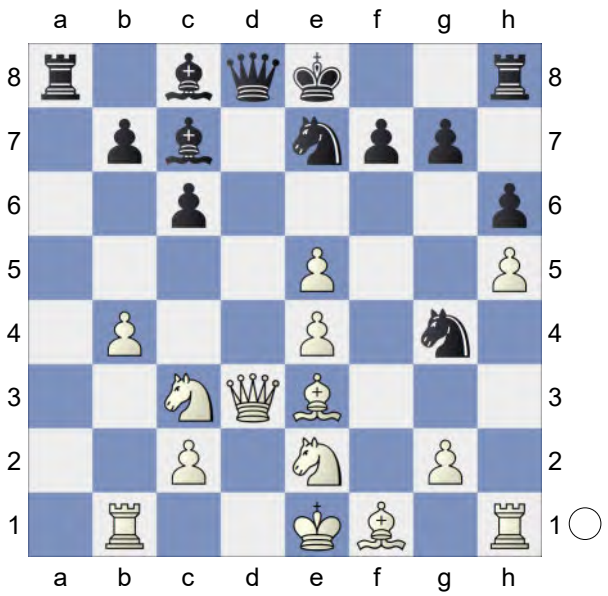


6.h4N
[6.b4 Bb6 *(6...Bc7 7.e5 b6 8.f4 c5 9.Nf3 Ne7 10.Nb5* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML: 5...Ba5 #1 *)* 7.Na4 dxe4 *(7...Bc7 8.e5 Ne7 9.f4 0-0 10.Bd3* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML: 5...Ba5 #4 *)* 8.Nxb6 axb6 9.Bf4 Nf6 10.fxe4 Nxe4 11.Nf3 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML: 5...Ba5 #6]
6...Ne7 7.h5 h6 8.Nge2 The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.Be3 Nf6** 0.56/19
[9...dxe4= 0.18/16 10.fxe4 Nf6]
10.b4 Bc7

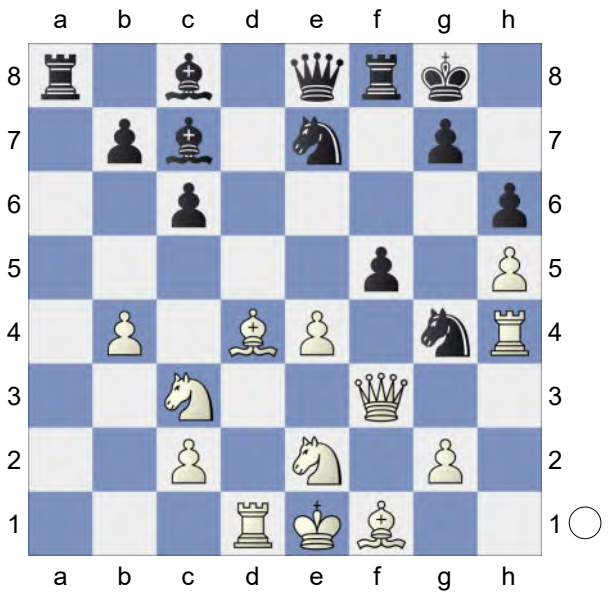


11.Qd3 -0.51/19
[11.e5= 0.30/18]
11...a5 -0.08/19
[11...dxe4∓ -0.51/19 12.Nxe4 Ned5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6]
12.Rb1 -0.85/21
[12.e5= -0.08/19]
12...axb4 13.axb4 dxe4 14.fxe4 e5 15.dxe5 Ng4↑

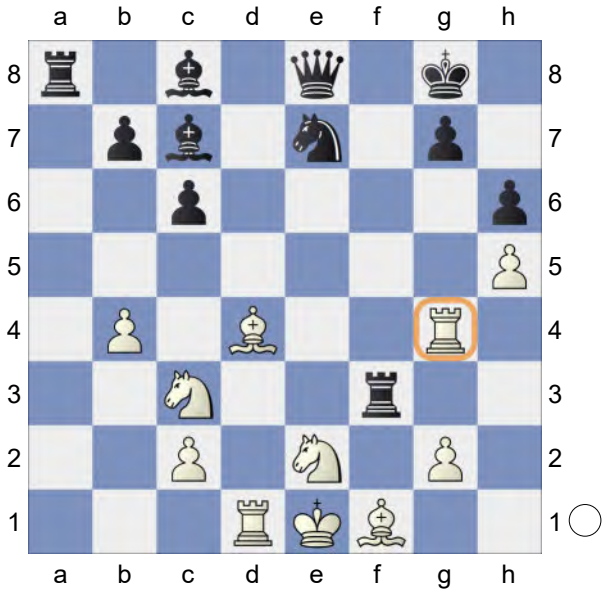
(Diagram)



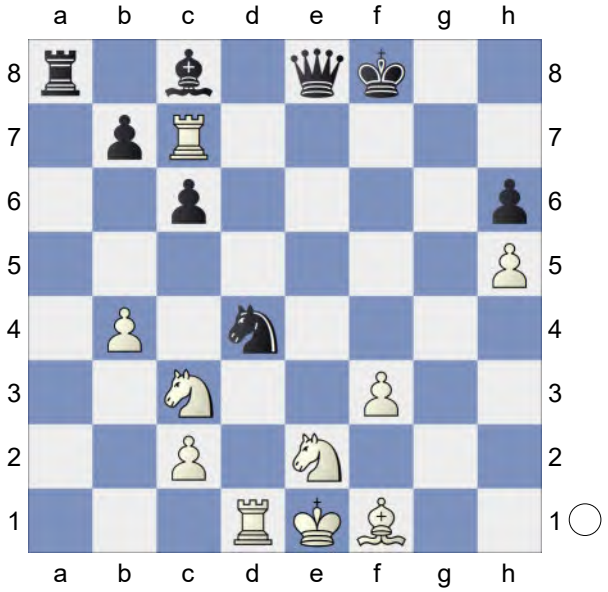
Black has the initiative. **16.Bd4** -1.09/19
[16.Qxd8+= -0.09/17 keeps the balance. Kxd8 17.Rd1+ Ke8 18.Bd4]
16...Nxe5∓ 17.Qg3 Ng4 18.Qf3 0-0 19.Rd1 Qe8 20.Rh4 f5
[20...Nh2 21.Rxh2 Bxh2 22.g3=]



21.exf5? -5.58/20
[21.Nf4 -1.86/16 is more resistant.]
21...Rxf5? -1.18/21
[21...Nxf5-+ -5.58/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 22.Qxg4 Bg3+ *(22...Nxh4 23.Qxg7#; 22...Nxd4? 23.Qxd4 Bg3+ 24.Kd2-+)* 23.Qxg3 Nxg3 Discovered Attack]
22.Rxg4 Rxf3

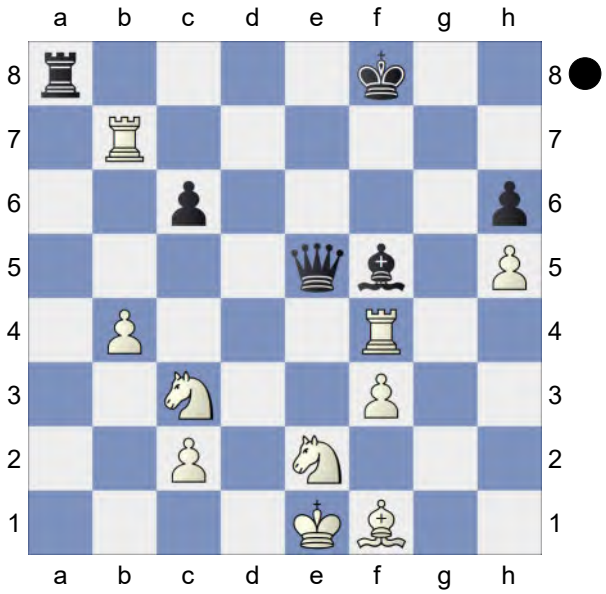


Discovered Attack **23.Rxg7+ Kf8 24.gxf3 Nf5??** 4.11/21
[24...Qxh5-+ -1.65/19 avoids the disaster. Threatens to win with ...Bf5! 25.Ne4 Bf5 *(25...Qxf3? 26.Bg2∓)*]
25.Rxc7+- Nxd4

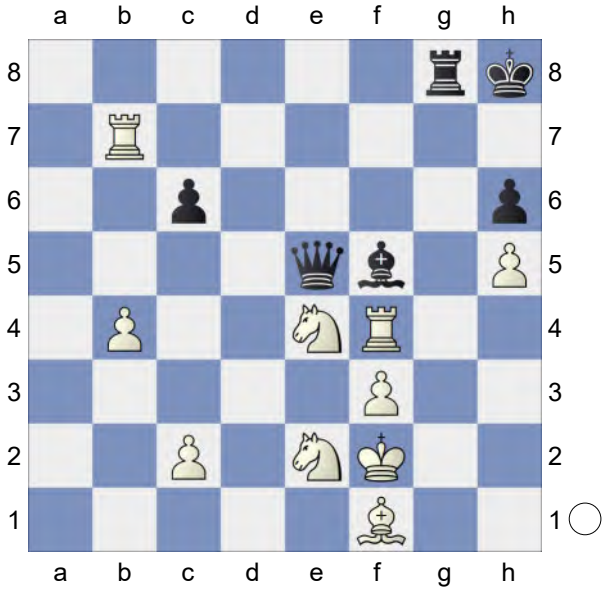


26.Rxd4 Bf5 27.Rf4
[Don't play 27.Rxb7 Qe5 28.Kd2 Re8+-]

27...Qe5 28.Rxb7



Bh3 is the strong threat. **28...Kg8 29.Ne4 Kh8 30.Kf2 Rg8** 5.86/20
[30...Bxe4 4.12/21 was worth a try. 31.fxe4 *(31.Rxe4 Qxh5 32.Bg2 Rd8+-)* 31...Qxh5]



31.Rf7 Bxe4 32.Rxe4 Qxh5 33.Ree7 Qh4+ 34.Ke3 Rd8 35.c3 Qe1

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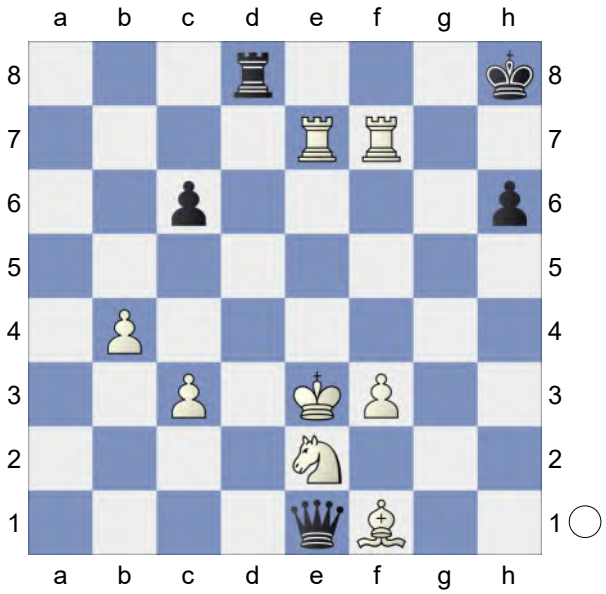
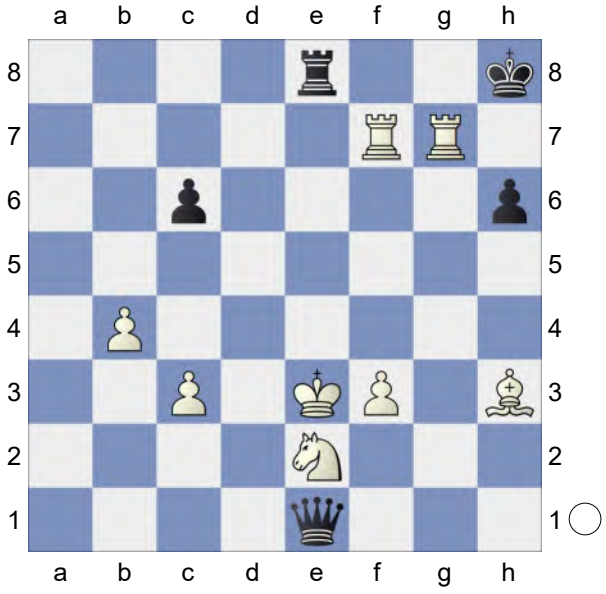


36.Rh7+ Kg8 37.Reg7+ 3.94/5
[⌓37.Bh3 9.68/26 Threatening mate with Be6+. Qd2+ 38.Kf2]
37...Kf8 38.Rf7+ Kg8 39.Rhg7+ Kh8 40.Bh3 Intending Rh7+ and mate.
40...Re8+



41.Re7 Rxe7+ 42.Rxe7 Qd1 43.Re8+ Kg7 44.Bf5 Qd6 45.Bd3 c5

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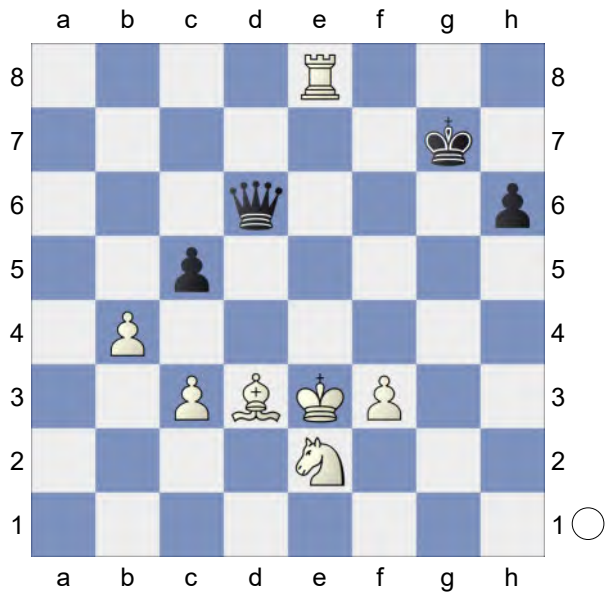
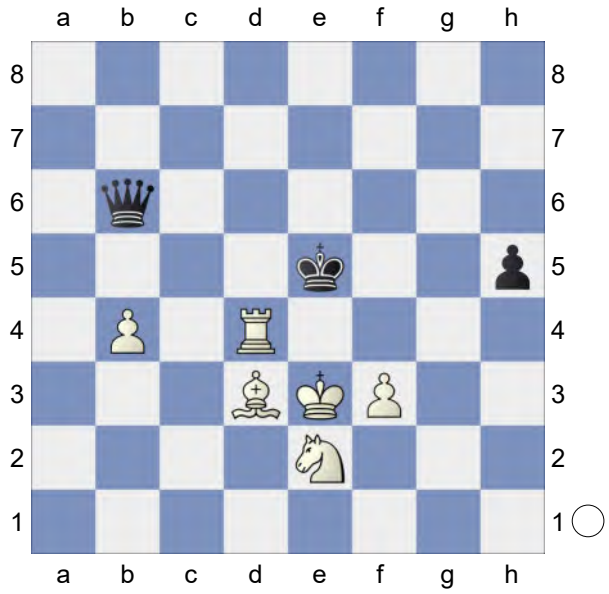
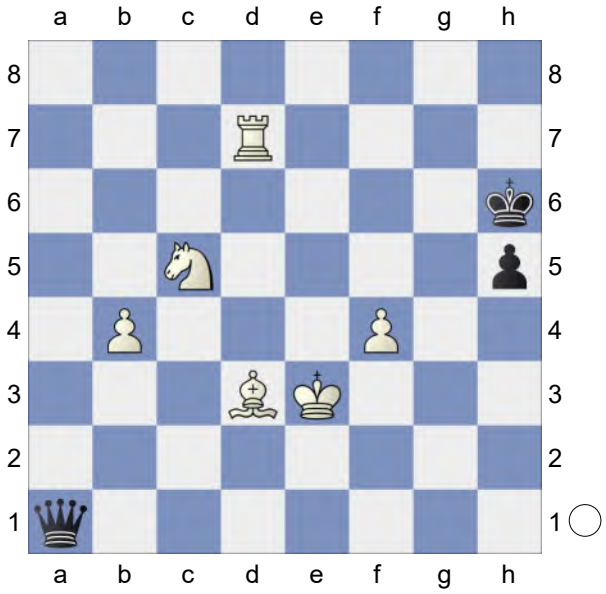


46.Re4 cxb4 47.cxb4 Qb6+ 48.Rd4 Kf6 49.Ng3 Ke5 50.Ne2 0.01/15
[50.f4++- 5.00/20 Kf6 51.b5]
50...h5? 4.77/19
[50...Kf6= 0.01/15 and Black has nothing to worry. 51.Kf2 h5]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
51.f4+ Kf6 52.Nc3 And now Nd5+ would win. **52...Qa7 53.Ne4+ Kg7 54.Nc5** aiming for Rd7+. **54...Qa1 55.Rd7+ Kh6** #1/6
[55...Kf6+- 4.60/22 56.Ne4+ Kf5 57.Rf7+ *(57.Rd5+ Ke6+-)* 57...Kg4 58.Be2+ Kh3]



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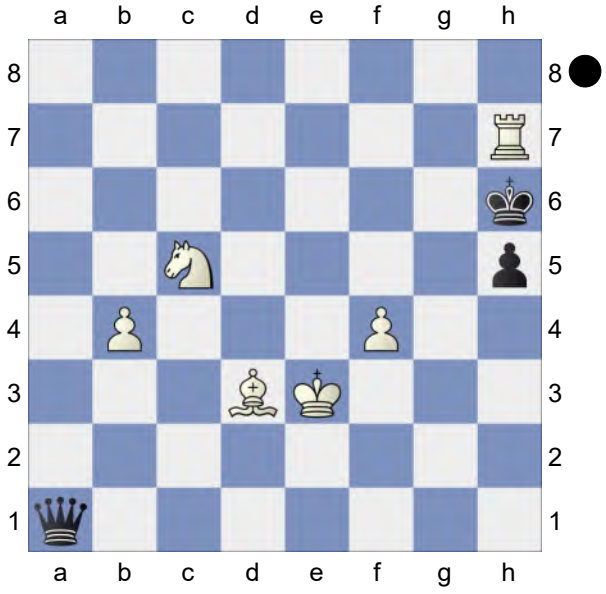

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34 **B12**
□ **Eyesless18** **2874**
■ **Daro94** **2898**
Blitz 27.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 90/(83)'
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Na6N
[5...dxe4 6.fxe4 e5 *(6...Qb6 7.Qd2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.Bc4 Nd7 10.Nf3 Nb6 11.Bb3 Nf6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ng5 e6 14.e5* B 15/01-N,N*)* 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qe7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Nf3 Ngf6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Qf4 Re8 15.Bh3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qxe5 Rxe5 18.Rd8+ Re8 Lupulescu,C (2543)-Barnaure,V (2378) 90/(83) Bari 2004]
[5...h5 6.Qd2 a6 7.0-0-0 e6 8.h4 b5 9.g4 Nd7 10.gxh5 gxh5 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.Rg1 Bf8 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rde1 Ne7 18.Rg5 Qb6 19.Nd1 Kd7 20.Nxh5 1-0 (29) 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 with 16. e (2247)-J.Hector (2247) corr ML-026 BdF 1999]
[5...Qb6 6.Qd2 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.exd5 Nf6 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Bb3 Ba6 13.0-0 Nb6 B 15/01-N,N]

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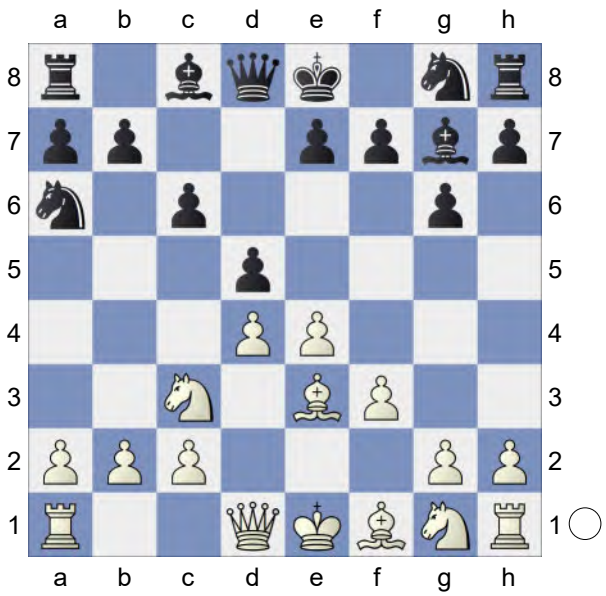
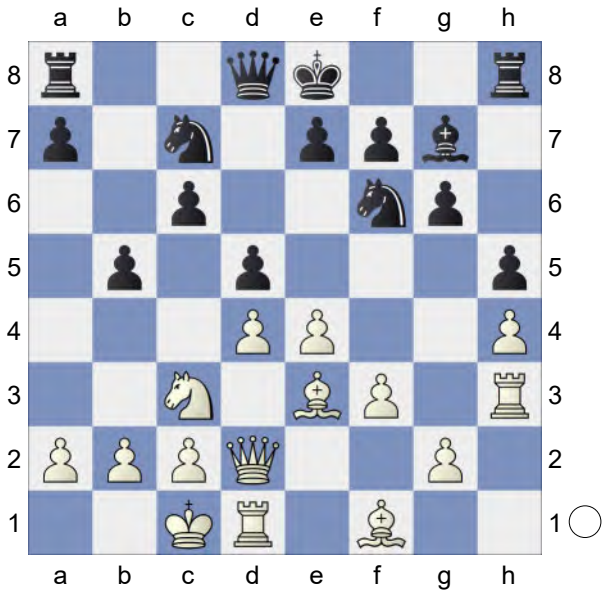
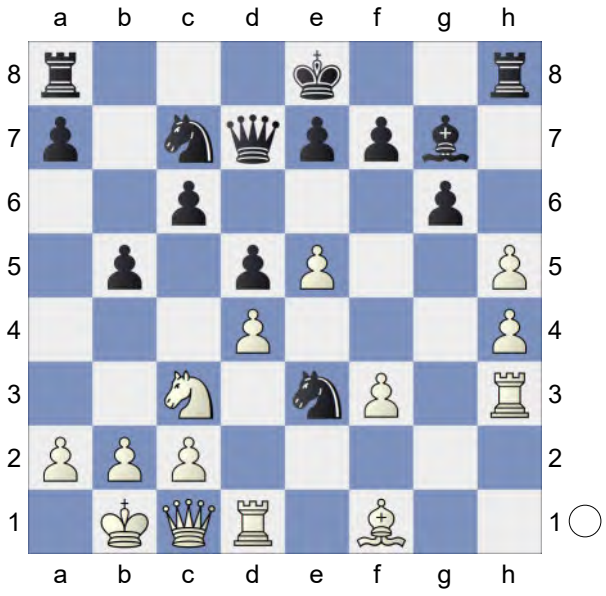


6.Qd2 Nc7 7.0-0-0 -0.01/16
[7.e5± 0.60/16]
7...b5 0.62/16
[7...e6!= -0.01/16]
8.h4 0.23/19
[8.e5± 0.62/16 is superior.]
8...h5= 9.Nh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Nf6 1.05/19
[10...Qd7± 0.53/17]



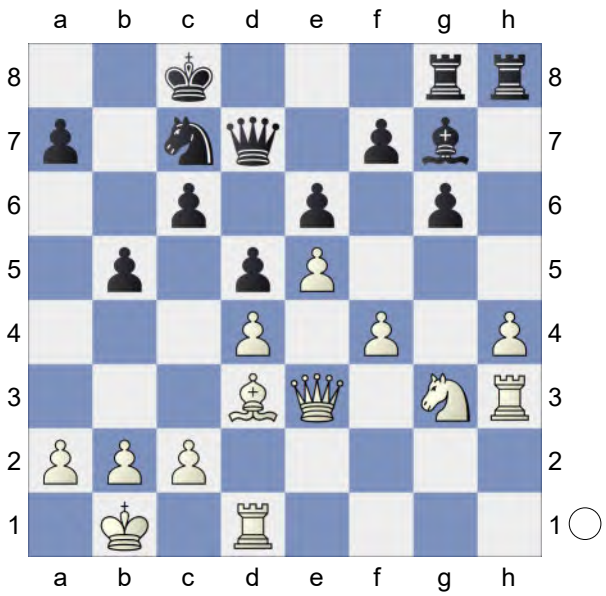
11.e5± Nd7 12.g4 Nb6 13.Kb1 0.62/18 White is more active.
[13.b3± 1.07/18]

13...Qd7 0.99/19
[13...Nc4± 0.62/18 deserves consideration. 14.Bxc4 dxc4]
14.gxh5 Nc4 15.Qc1 0.59/20
[15.Qf2± 1.12/19]
15...Nxe3 1.09/20
[15...Rxh5± 0.59/20 16.Ne2 0-0-0]

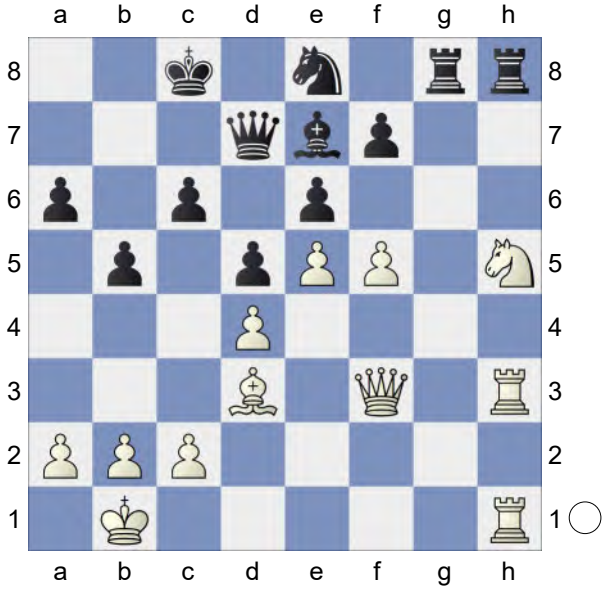


16.Qxe3 Hoping for hxg6. **16...Rxh5 17.Ne2 0-0-0 18.Ng3 Rhh8 19.f4** 0.06/19
[19.h5± 0.92/18]
19...e6 1.25/19
[19...Qg4= 0.06/19 remains equal. 20.Ne2 Kb7 *(20...Rxh4 21.Qc3±)*]
20.Bd3 0.79/19
[White should play 20.h5 1.25/19]
20...Rdg8

(Diagram)



21.Rdh1 Ne8 1.83/19
[21...f5± 0.99/18]
22.h5+- gxh5 23.f5
[23.Nxh5 Kb7 24.f5 exf5±]
[Don't take 23.Rxh5?! f5±]
23...Bf8 24.Nxh5 Be7 25.Qf3 a6 2.94/22
[⌓25...b4 2.01/18 26.fxe6 fxe6]



26.c3 Kb8 27.Nf4 Rxh3 28.Qxh3 Nc7 29.Qh5 Qe8 30.f6 Bd8

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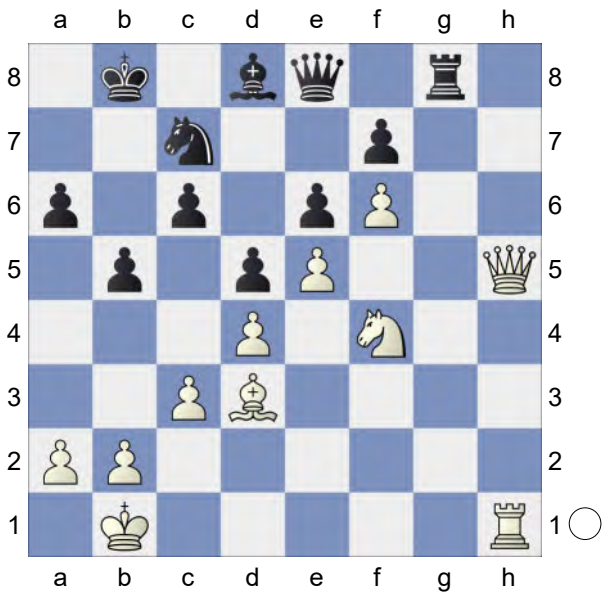
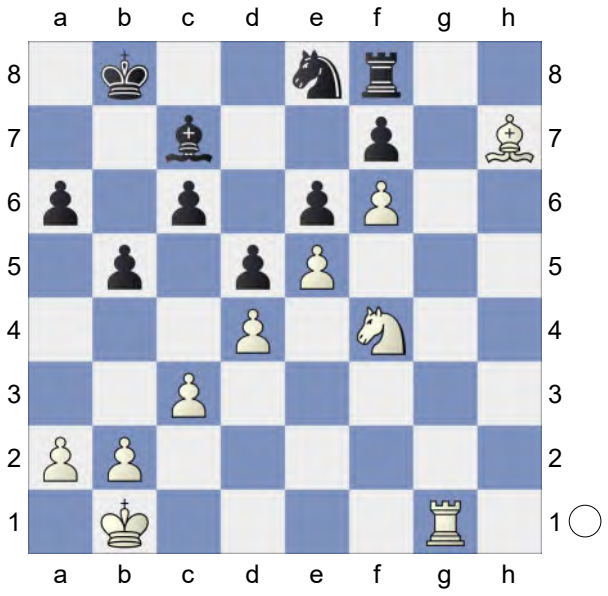


31.Bh7 Rh8 32.Qg5 Qf8 33.Qg7 Ne8 34.Qxf8 Rxf8 35.Rg1 Bc7? 5.23/24
[35...Bxf6 2.36/24 was called for. 36.exf6 b4]



36.Nh5 White is clearly winning.
36...Rh8 37.Rg7

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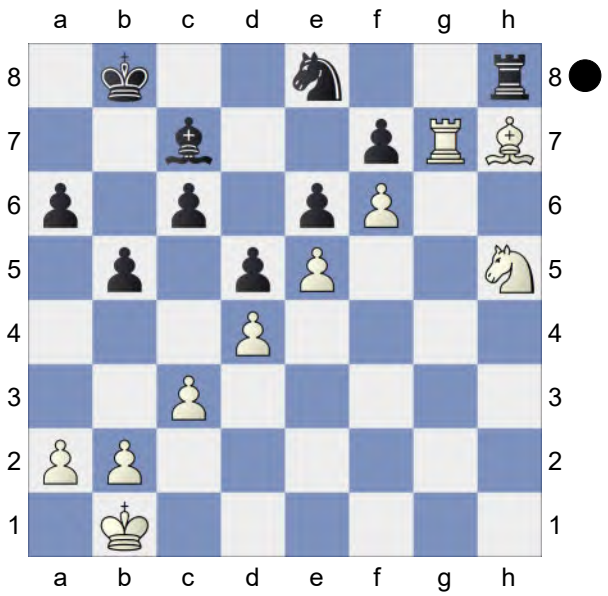
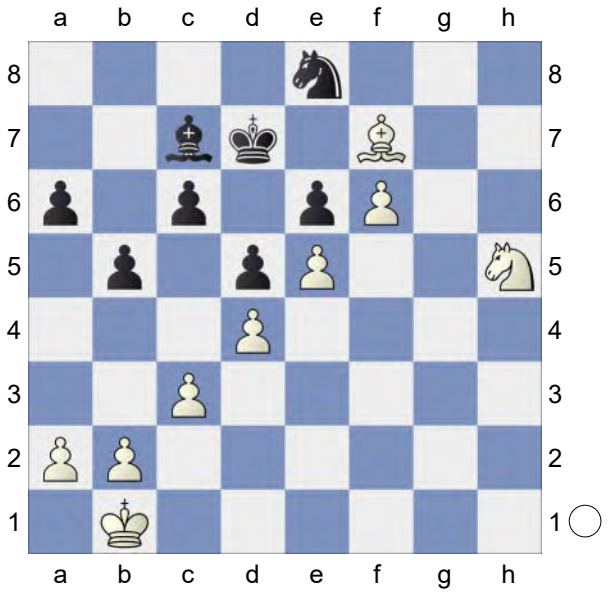


Promotion **37...Rf8** 7.05/22
[⌓37...c5 4.50/19 38.Rxf7 cxd4 39.cxd4 Ba5]
38.Rg8 Rxg8 39.Bxg8 Kc8 40.Bxf7 Kd7



41.Ng7

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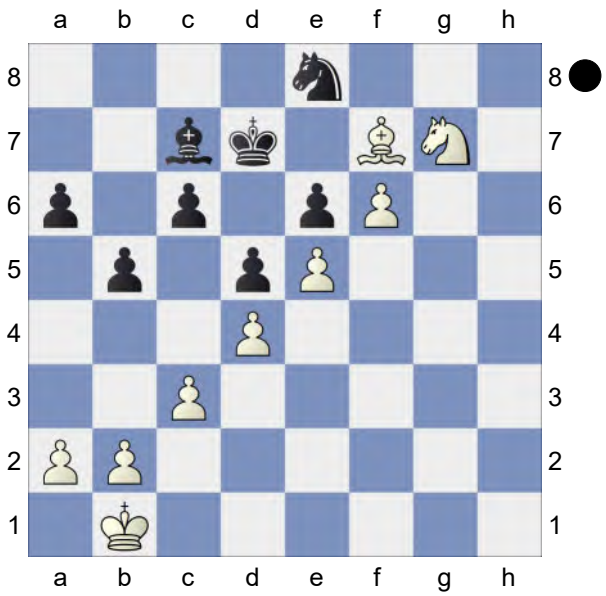

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35 **B12**
□ **Eyesless18** **2889**
■ **Daro94** **2885**
Blitz 27.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Chess Informant **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.h4N**
[5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 dxe4 7.Nh3 *(7.Qe2 c5 8.Qe3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Bb2 Nf6 11.fxe4 0-0 12.Nf3 Qb6* Fantasy Variation- Fantasy: 5. a3 *)* 7...e5 8.Ng5 exd4 9.Bc4 Nh6 10.fxe4 dxc3 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Bxf7 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3... e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML: 5...Bxc3+ #5]
[5.Bf4 Ne7 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 a5 *(7...Ba6 8.Qe3 0-0 9.0-0-0 c5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Nd7 12.Bg3 Bb7 13.Qe3 Rc8 14.h4 a6 15.h5 cxd4 16.Qxd4 e5 17.Qd2 h6 18.Kb1 b5 19.Nc1 Qc7 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Bd3 N7b6* Fantasy Variation-N,N*)* 8.0-0-0 Ba6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.h4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.Bd6 Rc8 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nf4 Sethuraman,S (2732)-15.♘c4 0-0 16. ♕e5 ♖ab8 (2663) USA 6/586 1968]
5...Nf6 0.37/17
[5...dxe4= -0.01/15 might be stronger. 6.fxe4 c5]

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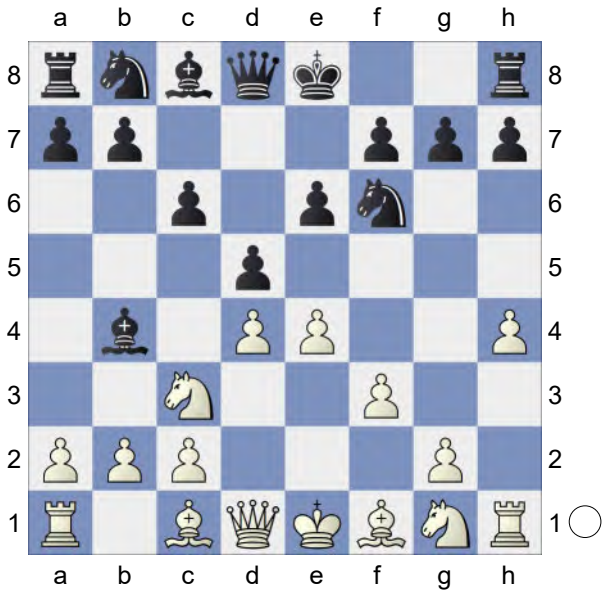
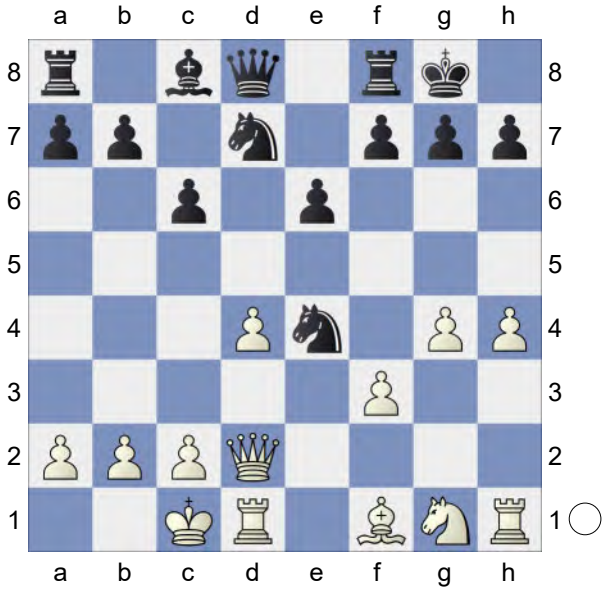
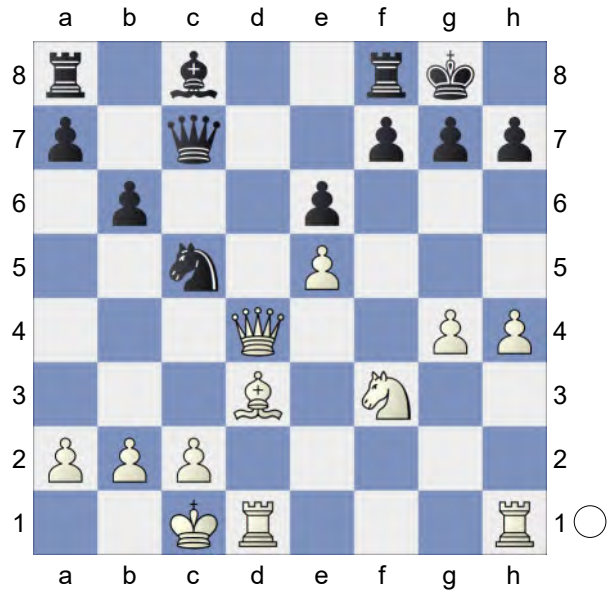


6.Bd2 -0.08/17
[6.e5± 0.37/17 Nfd7 7.h5]
6...dxe4= 7.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 0.26/20
[7...Qxd4? 8.c3 Qe5 9.cxb4+-]
[⌓7...Be7! -0.14/18]
8.Qxd2 White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 Nxe4**



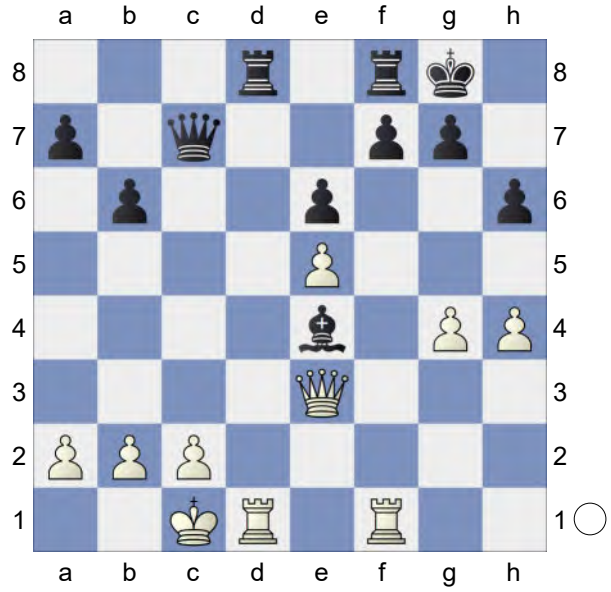
11.fxe4 c5 0.67/19
[11...e5= 0.13/19]
12.Nf3± White is more active. **12...cxd4 13.e5 Qc7 14.Qxd4 b6 15.Bd3** -0.40/21
[White should play 15.Bg2± 0.48/20]

15...Nc5∓



16.Rhf1 Bb7! 17.Ng5 h6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Rad8 20.Qe3 Bxe4

[20...Qxe5? 21.Bh7+ Kxh7 22.Qxe5+-]



21.Qxe4 Qe7 22.Rh1 -0.84/20

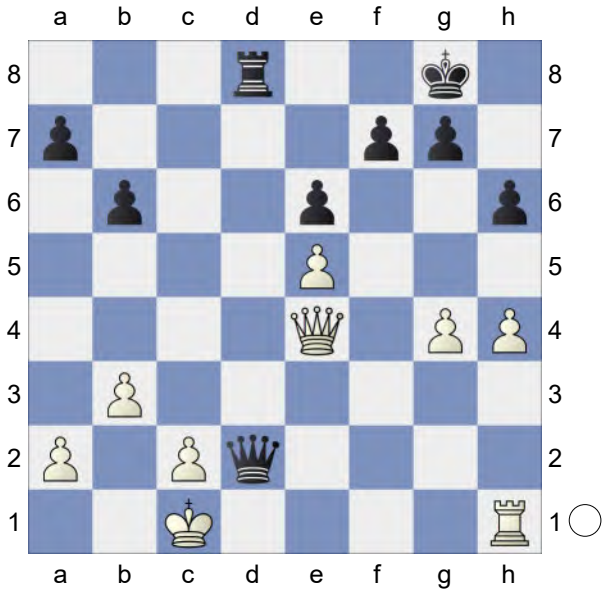
[22.h5= -0.13/22]

22...Rxd1+∓ 23.Kxd1 Endgame. KQR-KQR **23...Rd8+ 24.Kc1 Qd7 25.b3** -1.76/22

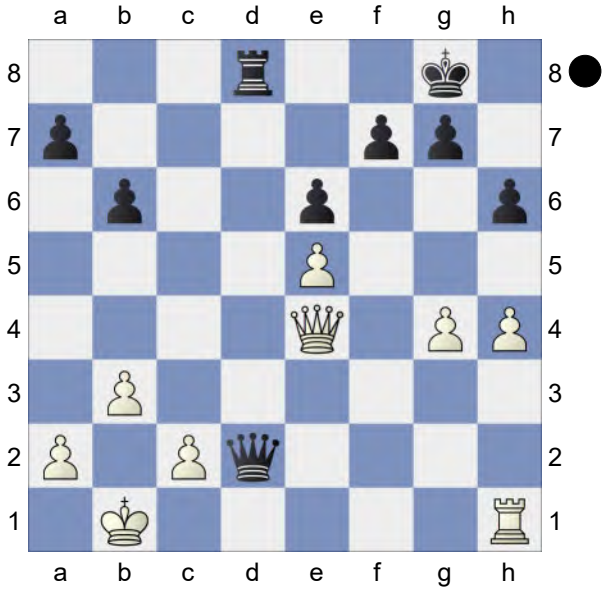
[25.Qe2∓ -1.00/21]

25...Qd2+ -1.37/22

[25...Qd4-+ -1.76/22 (-> ...Qa1#) 26.Qxd4 Rxd4]



26.Kb1



Rd5 -0.72/23

[⌓26...Qd4! -1.21/22 27.Re1 a5]

27.g5 Qd4

[27...hxg5 28.hxg5 Qxg5 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qb8]

28.Qg2

[28.Qxd4? Rxd4 29.c4 Re4-+]

28...Qd2 0.01/22

[28...h5∓ -0.71/21 29.g6 fxg6

(29...Rxe5 30.Qa8+; 29...Qxe5 30.gxf7+ Kxf7 31.Rg1∓)]

29.Qg3 -0.95/21

[Don't blunder 29.Qxd2? Rxd2 30.Rc1 Rd4 31.gxh6 gxh6-+ *(31...Rxh4 32.hxg7 Kxg7 33.c4=)*]

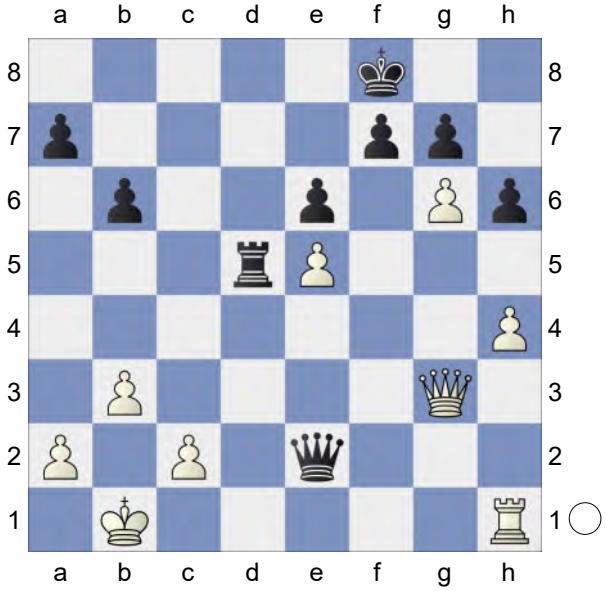
[29.Qe4!= 0.01/22 remains equal.]

29...Kf8 0.01/21

[Better is 29...Rc5∓ -0.95/21 30.Rc1 hxg5 31.hxg5 g6]

30.g6 Qe2

[30...fxg6 with more complications. 31.Qxg6 Rxe5 32.Rf1+ Kg8]



Prevents Qf3. **31.gxf7** -0.32/22

[31.Qf4!= 0.22/22 Rd7 32.Rf1]

31...Kxf7 32.Qc3 -1.20/22

[32.Qf4+= -0.23/21 Kg8 33.Qa4]

32...Qxe5 -0.01/21

[32...Rxe5 33.Qc7+ Kf6 34.Rg1=]

[32...Rc5∓ -1.20/22 33.Qb2 Qxe5]

33.Rf1+ -0.77/23

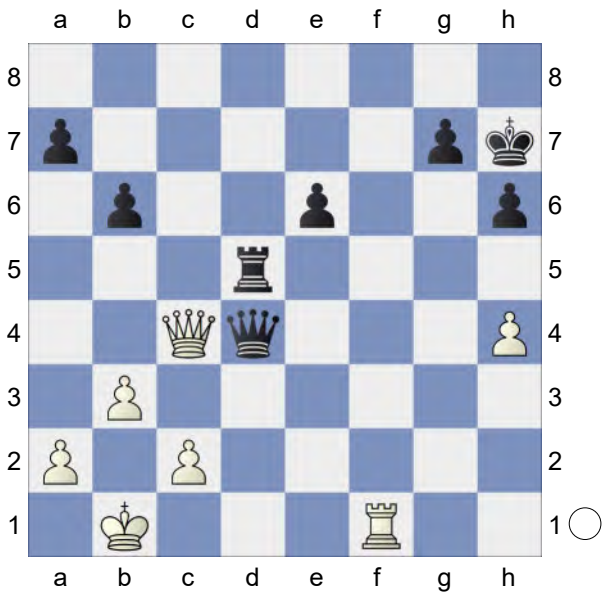
[33.Qc8= -0.01/21]

33...Kg8 34.Qc8+ Kh7 35.Qc4 -1.37/20

[White should try 35.Qb7 -0.72/22]

35...Qd4

(Diagram)



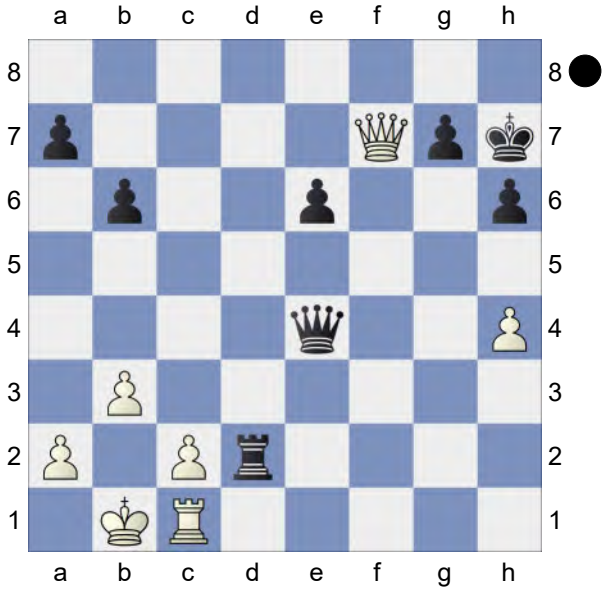
And now ...Qxc4 would win. **36.Qc6 Qe5** -0.01/19

[36...Qe4∓ -1.29/20 37.Qe8 Rf5 *(37...Qxh4? 38.Qxe6 Rc5 39.a4-+)*]

37.Qe8 -1.12/21 Dodges Rd1+

[37.Qc4!= -0.01/19]

37...Qe4 38.Qf7 Rd2 39.Rc1



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36 **B12**
□ **Eyesless18** **2888**
■ **Daro94** **2886**
Blitz 27.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 90/(83)'
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Na6N 0.57/19
[5...Qb6= 0.13/19 was preferrable. 6.Qd2 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.exd5 Nf6 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Bb3 Ba6 13.0-0 Nb6 B 15/01-N,N]
[5...dxe4 6.fxe4 e5 *(6...Qb6 7.Qd2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.Bc4 Nd7 10.Nf3 Nb6 11.Bb3 Nf6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ng5 e6 14.e5* B 15/01-N,N*)* 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qe7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Nf3 Ngf6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Qf4 Re8 15.Bh3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qxe5 Rxe5 18.Rd8+ Re8 Lupulescu,C (2543)-Barnaure,V (2378) 90/(83) Bari 2004]
[5...h5 6.Qd2 a6 7.0-0-0 e6 8.h4 b5 9.g4 Nd7 10.gxh5 gxh5 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.Rg1 Bf8 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rde1 Ne7 18.Rg5 Qb6 19.Nd1 Kd7 20.Nxh5 1-0 (29) 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 with 16. e (2247)-J.Hector (2247) corr ML-026 BdF 1999]

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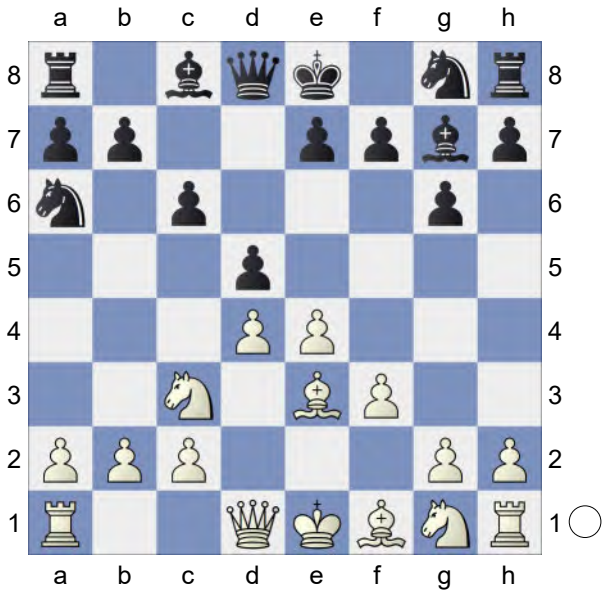
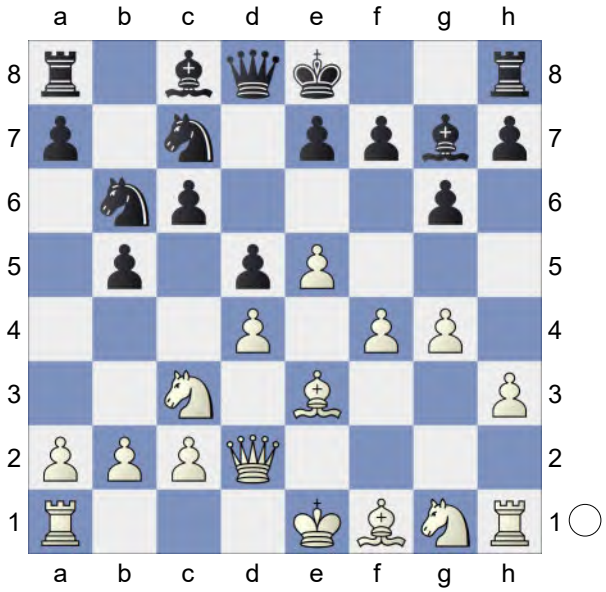


6.Qd2± Nc7 7.h3 b5 8.g4 White is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.e5 Nd7 10.f4 Nb6**



11.Nf3 0.29/19
[11.b3!± 0.79/18]
11...b4 12.Nd1 a5 13.Nf2 0.23/20
[13.b3± 0.67/18 feels stronger.]
13...Nc4= 14.Qc1 h5 15.Rg1 hxg4

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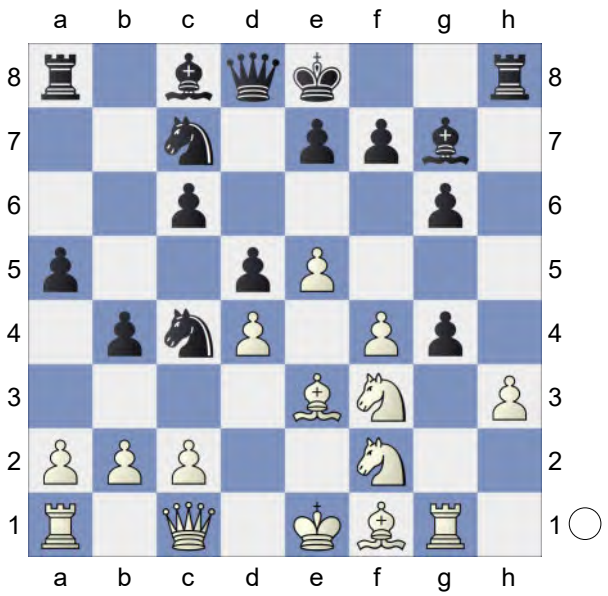
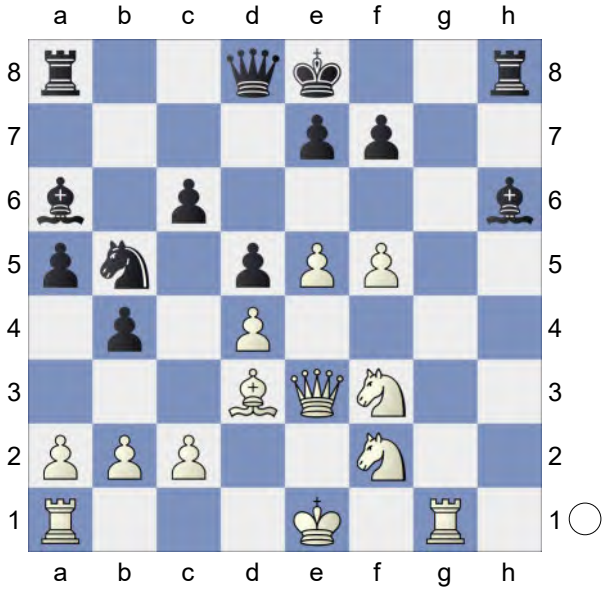
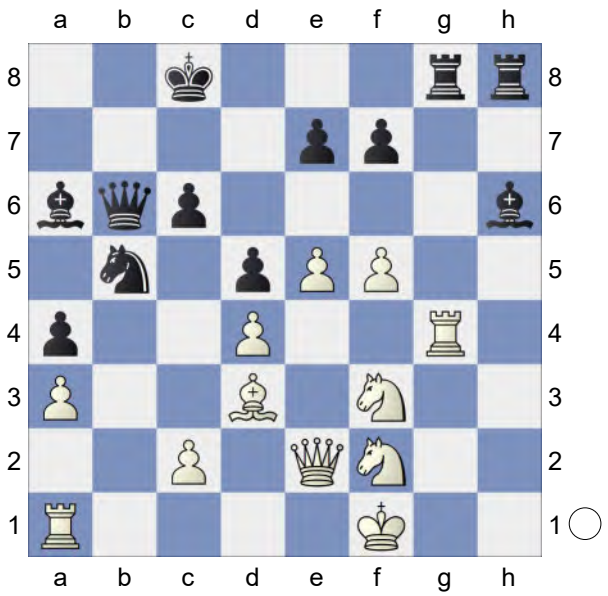


16.hxg4 Nb5 17.Bd3 Ba6 18.f5 Nxe3 1.71/21
[18...Qb6!± 0.39/18]
19.Qxe3+- gxf5 20.gxf5 0.87/21
[20.Qg5+- 1.80/20 is more deadly. Rg8 21.gxf5]
20...Bh6±



21.Qe2
[21.Ng5!? Qb6□ 22.Bxb5 Qxb5 23.0-0-0=]
21...Qb6 22.Rg4 0-0-0 23.a4 e6! is the strong threat. **23...bxa3 24.bxa3 a4 25.Kf1 Rdg8**



26.Rb1 Qa5 27.Kg2 -0.41/22
[27.Rxg8+= -0.01/22 deserves consideration. Rxg8 28.Nd1 *(28.Qe1 Qxe1+ 29.Nxe1 Bd2=)*]
27...Bf4∓ 28.Bxb5?? -4.04/25
[28.f6!= -0.06/20 and White stays safe. Rxg4+ *(28...Nxa3? 29.Bxa6+ Kd8 30.Rb8+* Skewer *Kc7 31.Rbxg8+-; 28...exf6 29.exf6 Kb8 30.Qe7±)* 29.Nxg4]
28...Bxb5-+
[28...cxb5 29.Rb4∓]
29.Qe1 Qxe1 -1.86/27
[29...Qd8 -5.34/25 Hoping for ... Rxg4+. 30.Rxb5 Rxg4+ *(30...cxb5? 31.Rxg8 Rxg8+ 32.Kf1-+)* 31.Kf1 cxb5 32.Nxg4 Qc7]
30.Rxe1 -2.40/27
[⌓30.Nxe1 -1.86/27 Rxg4+ 31.Nxg4]
30...Rxg4+

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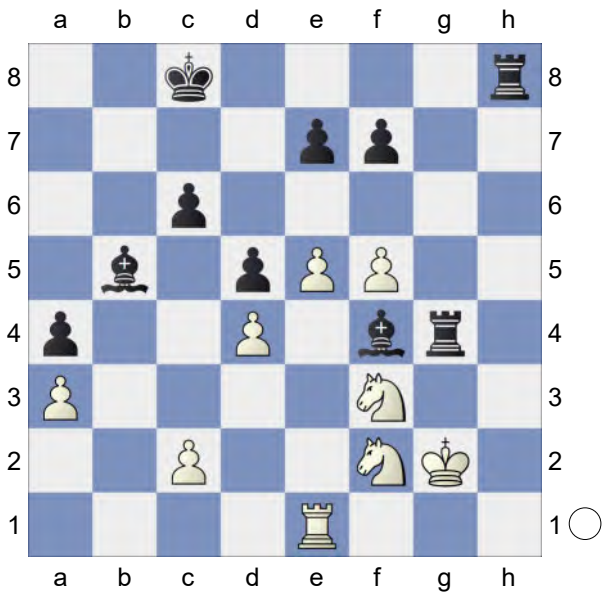
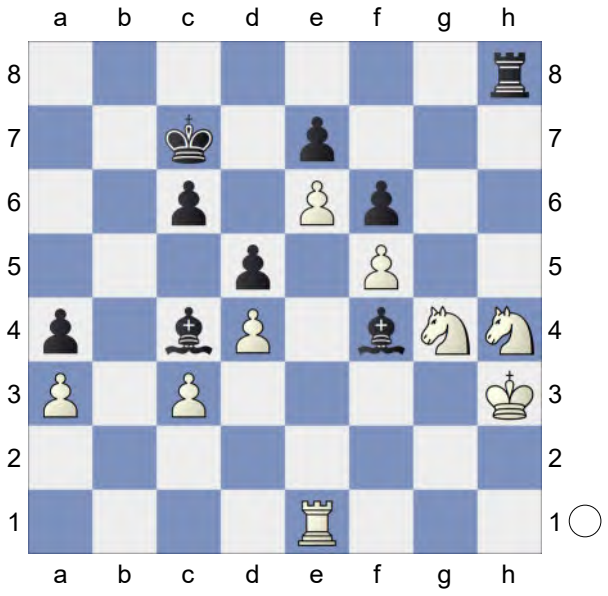
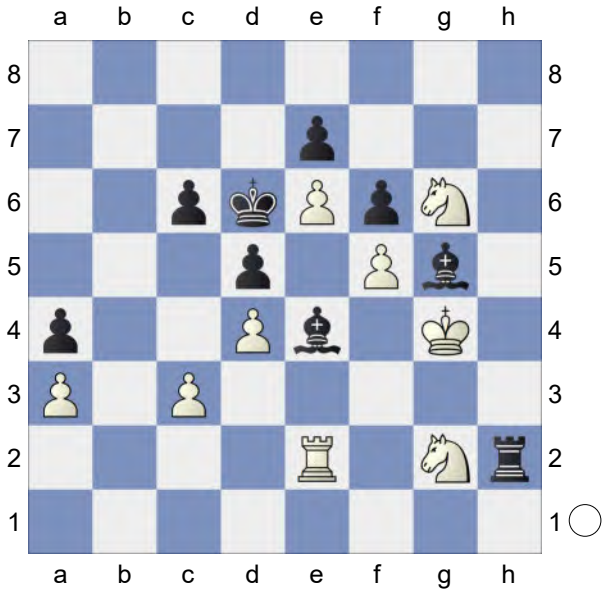


31.Nxg4 Rg8 32.Kh3 Kc7 33.e6 -3.38/24
[⌓33.f6 -2.26/24 exf6 34.Nh4]
33...f6 34.c3? -6.30/26
[34.Rg1 -3.42/20]
34...Bc4 35.Nh4 Rh8

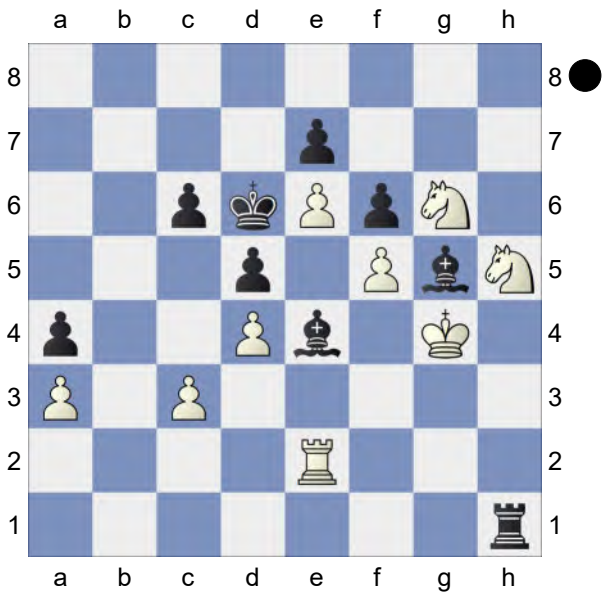


36.Ne3 Bg5 A strong pair of Bishops.
37.Neg2 Bd3 38.Kg4 Be4 -2.09/23
[⌓38...Bd2 -3.52/27 39.Rg1 Bxc3]
39.Re2 Kd6? -0.48/23
[Black should try 39...Bc1-+ -2.42/22
40.c4 Ra8 *(40...Bxa3 41.Ra2∓)*
41.cxd5 cxd5]

40.Ng6? -4.03/26
[40.Rb2!∓ -0.48/23]
40...Rh2

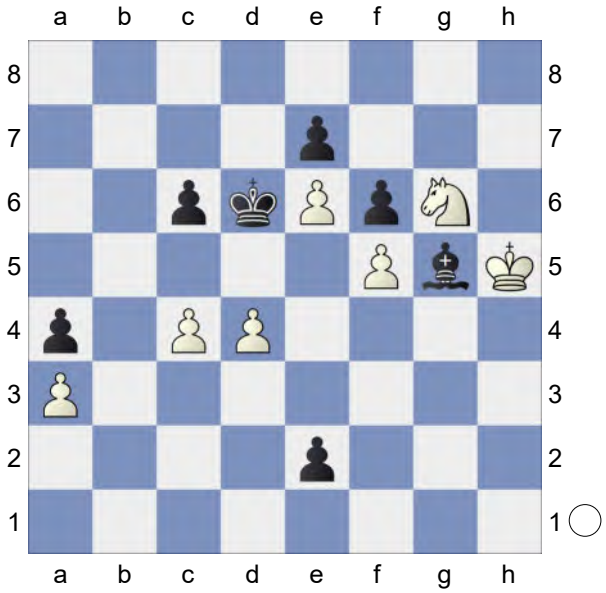


41.N2f4 Rh1 42.Nh5? -9.27/26
[42.Nh3 -3.86/24 Bxf5+ Deflection
(42...Rxh3? 43.Rxe4 dxe4 44.Kxh3-+) 43.Kxf5 Rxh3 44.Rb2 Rf3+ *(44...Rxc3? 45.Rb7-+)* 45.Kg4 Rxc3 46.Rb7 Kxe6 *(46...Rxa3?* is the wrong capture. *47.Nxe7+-)*
47.Nxe7]

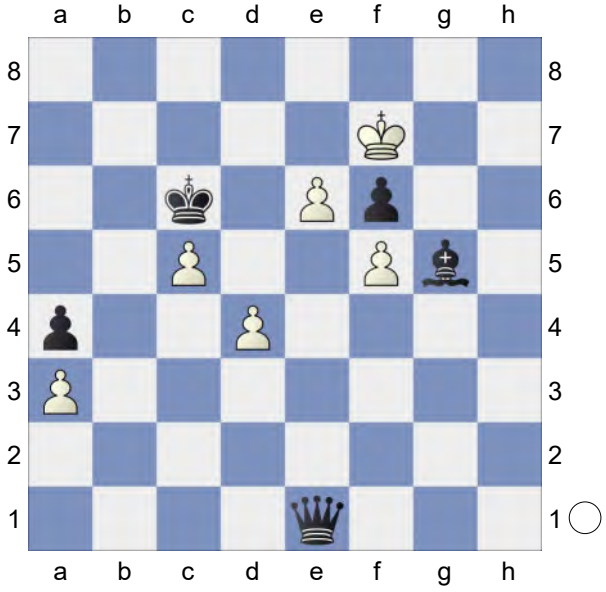


42...Rxh5! Deflection **43.Rxe4**

[43.c4 dxc4]
43...dxe4 44.Kxh5 Endgame. KB-KN
44...e3 45.c4 e2



46.c5+ Kc7 47.Nxe7 e1Q Threatens to win with ...Be3. **48.Kg6 Kd8 49.Kf7 Kc7?** 0.01/22
[Better is 49...Qh4-+ -14.71/25 (-> ...Qh7+) 50.Nxc6+ Kc7]
50.Nxc6? -#18/23 **Kxc6**



Black mates. **51.e7 Kd5 52.c6 Kxc6 53.e8Q+ Qxe8+ 54.Kxe8 Kd5**

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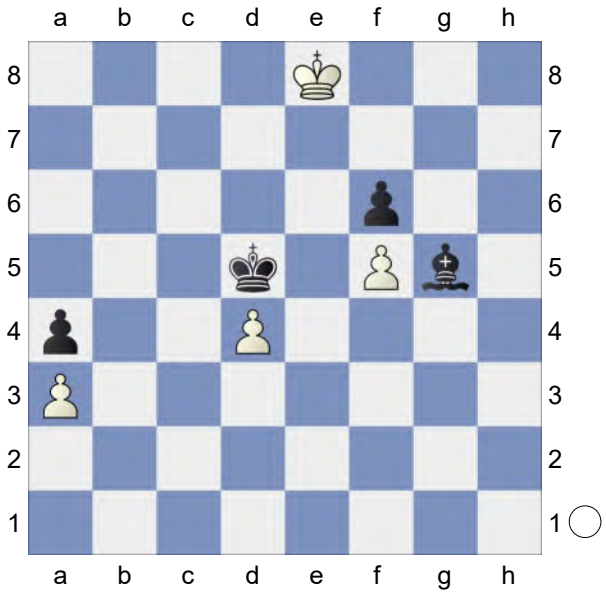

What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/ Black=0.56
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37 **B12**
□ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2711**
■ **Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter** **2600**
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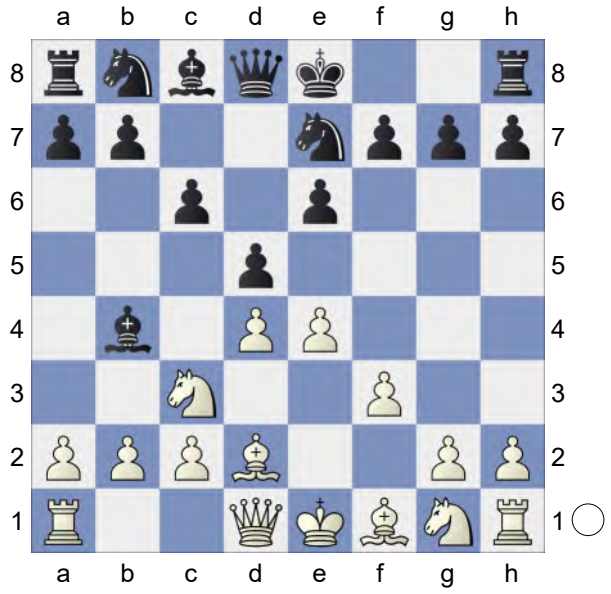
[Daniel Fernandez]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7
[5...b6 6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
[5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 - 6.♗d2 c5 52375 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)]



6.a3 Bxc3N 0.36/19 For players with a more 'French' inclination, this move is also playable.
[The main line is 6...Ba5 7.Bd3 **A)** 7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 *(8...c5 9.e5 a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:*)* 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.e5 h6 12.c3 a6 13.Nd6 Bc7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:; **B)** 7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Qxd4 10.0-0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:]
[6...Ba5= 0.00/19]
7.Bxc3± b6 8.Qd2 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Qf4?!** I don't quite understand this move, beyond the 'big-picture thinking' point that the queen is often useful on g3 for attacking purposes.
[After the developing move 9.Ne2 Black is probably going to try and get ...c5 through in some form:
A) 9...c5!? 10.exd5 exd5 11.h4 Nbc6 12.h5 h6 13.g4 The initial impression is that White is doing well, but after the stubborn f6! the pawn storm is halted and Black should be fine. 14.Kf2 0.23/16 *(14.Rg1± 0.62/19* should be considered. *)*;
B) 9...Ba6 The pawn push ...b6 can be considered as preparing this as well as ...c5, so it feels logical to look at. 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.h4 Here we can reach some very imbalanced, difficult to handle positions where White has a bishop pair but no really great diagonals for them, e.g. c5 12.h5 Bxe2 13.Bxe2 c4 14.h6 Black must now prevent hxg7. g6 15.exd5 exd5 16.Rhe1

a5± Technically White should be better, but proving it is another matter.]

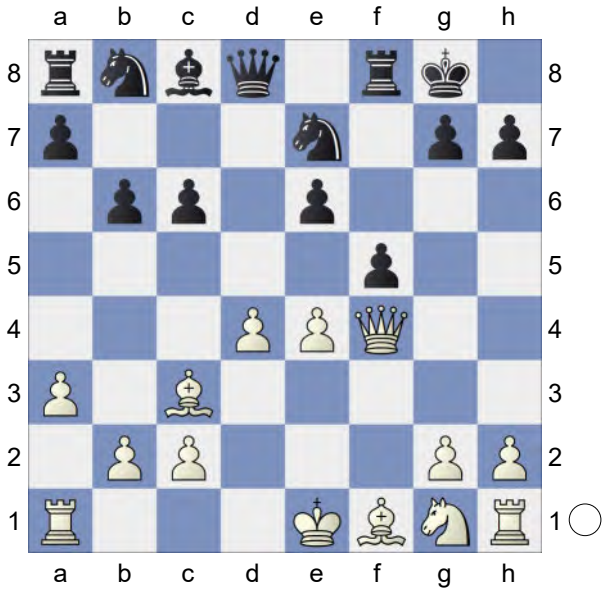
9...dxe4 0.66/20 Maybe not the most accurate.

[The principled moves 9...c5]

[and 9...Ba6= make just as much sense here as against 9.Ne2 (if not more!)]

[9...c5= 0.12/17]

10.fxe4 f5



11.Qe3 0.15/20 Another move with the queen.

[The sensible developing approach probably already left White a bit better off. 11.Nf3 and for instance Nd7! 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Bb4±]

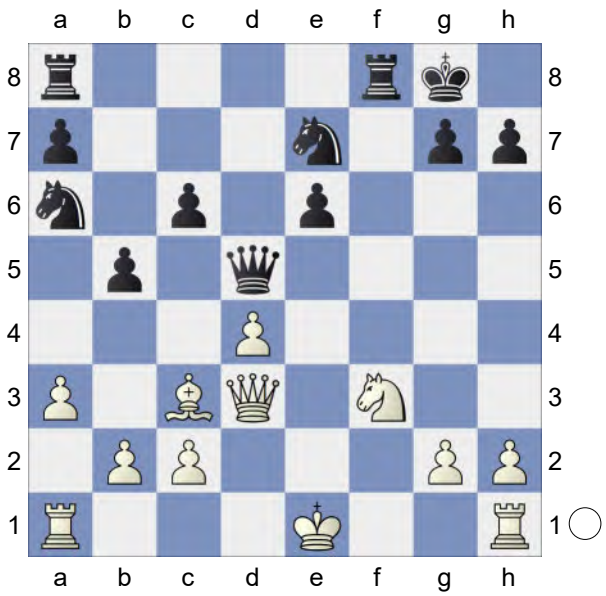
[11.Bc4± 0.73/20]

11...Ba6?! 0.87/19 Black takes temporary control of some light squares, at the cost of a permanently weak e6-pawn.

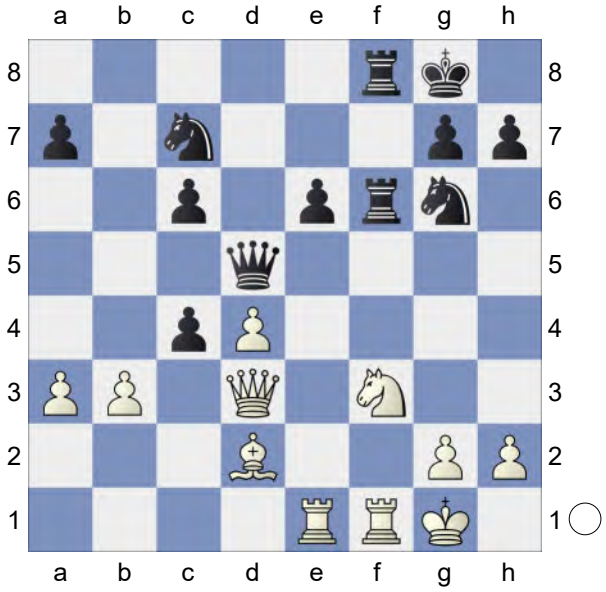
[Instead after 11...Nd7 12.Nf3 Nf6 there were good chances to fix the structure.]

[11...Nd7!= 0.15/20 keeps the balance.]

12.Bxa6± Nxa6 13.Nf3 fxe4 14.Qxe4 Qd5 15.Qd3 b5



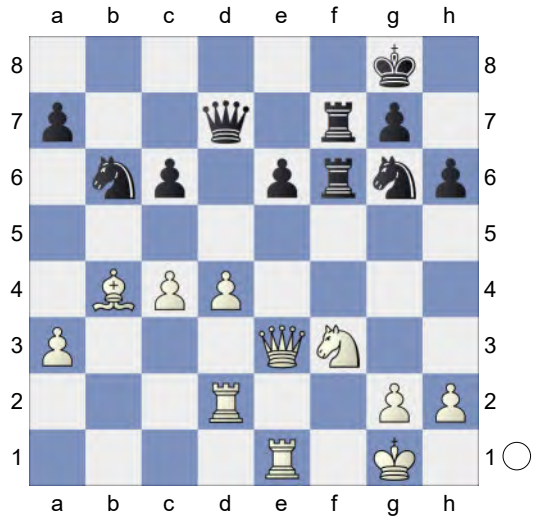
16.0-0 The opening is over and White is ready to play the natural plan of b3 and c4. Black's knights lack outposts and the c3-bishop will finally come into its own. **16...Ng6 17.Rae1 Rf6 18.Bd2 Raf8 19.b3 Nc7 20.c4 bxc4**



21.bxc4 Qd7 22.Bb4 R8f7 23.Qe3 Inhibits e5. White is more active. **23...h6 24.Rf2** A resourceful move. **24...Na8!? 25.Ref1** 0.44/20 Maybe this risked giving away White's edge.

[25.Rd2 suggests itself, threatening

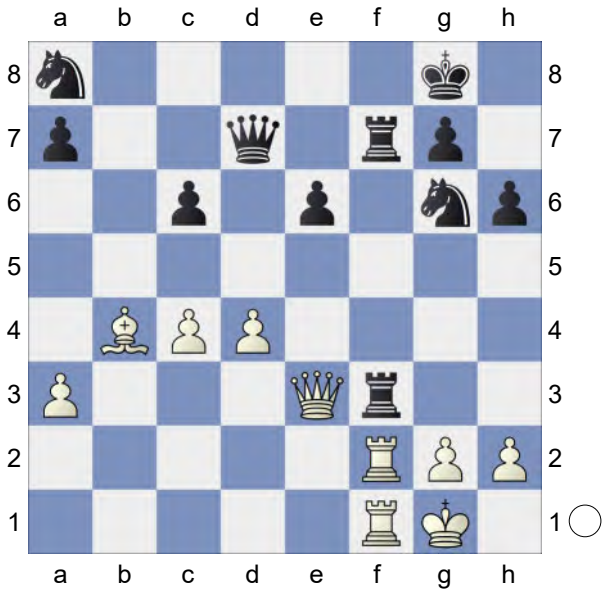
Ne5 and not giving Black time to mobilise. Hoping for Ne5. Qc7 *(25...Nb6* 2.43/21 25...Qc8 0.98



26.Ne5!) 26.d5± and with the centre dissolved, White's better minor pieces should tell.]

[25.Rd2± 0.95/22 Ne5 is the strong threat. Qc8 26.Qc3]

25...Rxf3 4.04/23



I struggle to comprehend this exchange sacrifice even without the engine running. Did Black assume they were winning back either the c4- or d4-pawn?

26.gxf3? 0.96/21

[26.Rxf3 Rxf3 27.Rxf3+- is also totally winning since Black's g6-knight can't abandon the f8-square.]

[26.Rxf3+- 4.04/23 Nh8 27.Rxf7 Nxf7 28.Re1]

26...Nh4 2.03/22

[26...Nb6± 0.96/21 27.Kh1 Nxc4]

27.Re1 Nb6 2.13/20

[27...Rf6± 1.37/21 is a better defense. 28.Qe4 Nf5]

28.Qe4+- g5 29.Kh1

[29.Qg4? 0.39/20 29.Qxe6 2.99 Nxc4? 2.05/22 *(29...Rf5!±* 0.39/20) 30.Qxe6+- Qxd4 31.Qxh6? -0.93/23 *(*Better is *31.Qxc6+-* 1.91/23 *Kg7 32.f4)*]

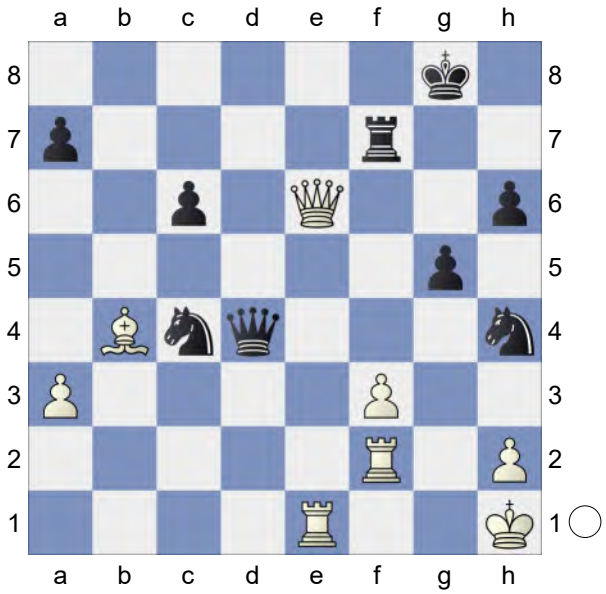
29...Nxc4 2.48/21

[29...Rf6 1.84/20 might work better. 30.Rg1 Nf5]

30.Qxe6 Qxd4? 9.70/24

[30...Qxe6 31.Rxe6 a5 might be worth trying against a lesser player, since Black's knights can conjure up some tricks if there is time trouble.]

[30...Qxe6 2.91/23 31.Rxe6 a5]



31.Qxh6!

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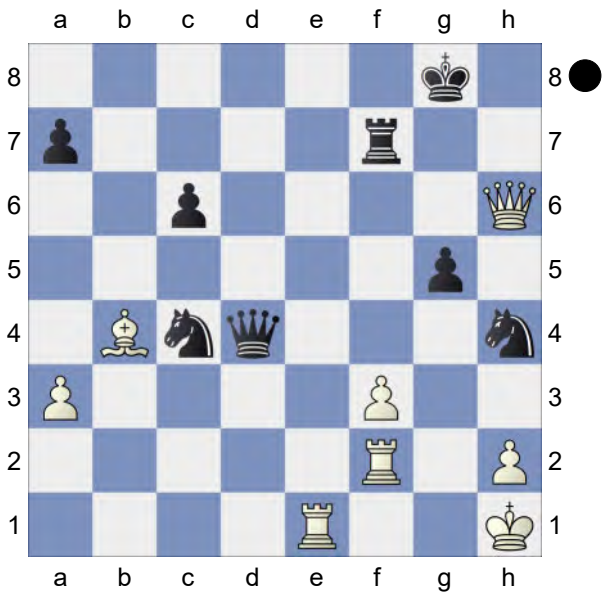

An abrupt end to a game which had far more mutual chances than it might appear from a superficial viewing.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.48
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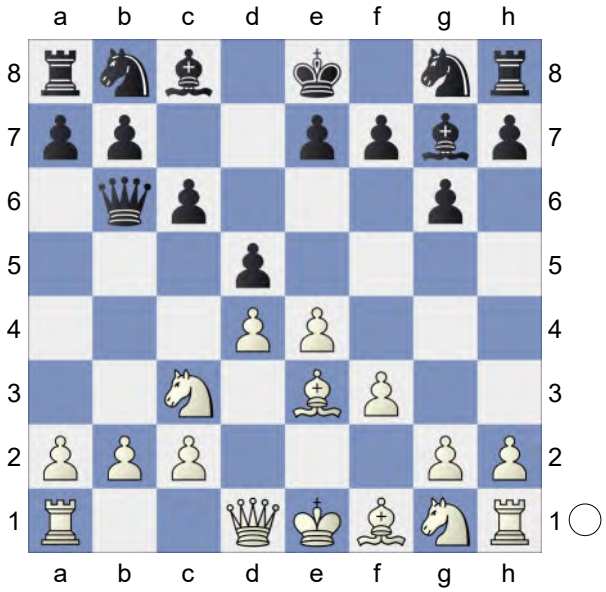
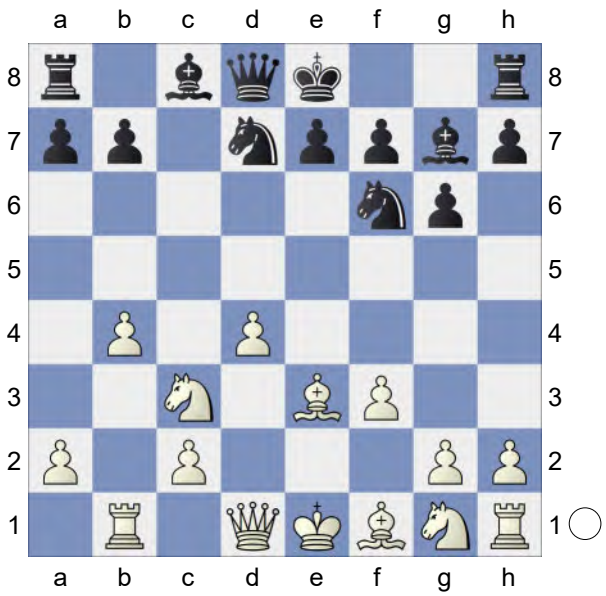
38 **B12**
□ **Venajalainen** **2834**
■ **Shannow** **2860**
Blitz 30.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Qb6

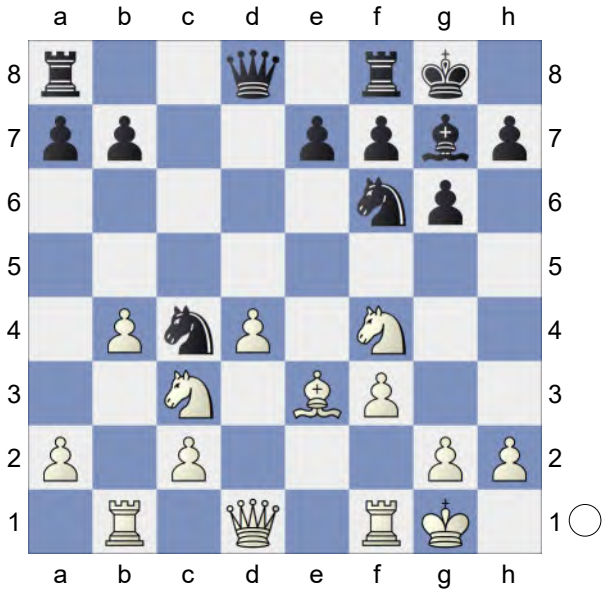


6.Rb1 Nd7N
[6...dxe4 7.fxe4 e5 8.Nf3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Qb4 10.a3 Qe7 11.Bc4 Nf6 12.0-0 0-0 Fantasy Variation With-Fantasy 3...g6 with 5. Be3,6]
[6...Nf6 7.e5 Ng8 8.f4 h5 9.Bd3 Nh6 10.Nf3 Bf5 11.Nh4 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Qa6 13.0-0 Qxd3 14.cxd3 e6 15.b4 Bf8 16.Rfc1 Ng4 17.Bd2 Nd7 18.g3 Be7 Caro Kann-3.♘c3 g6 4.♗e3 ♗g7 5.f3 Survey 1997]
7.exd5 cxd5 8.Nxd5 White is slightly better. **8...Qa5+ 9.Nc3 Ngf6 10.b4 Qd8**

(Diagram)

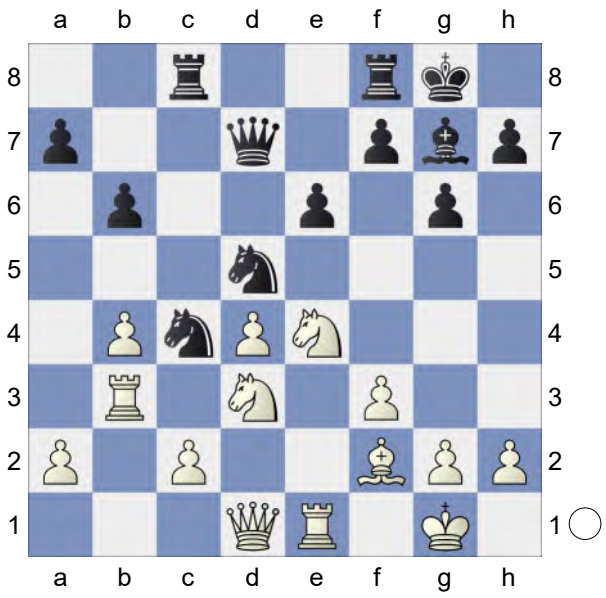


11.Bd3 0-0 12.Nge2 Nb6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Nf4 Bc4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4

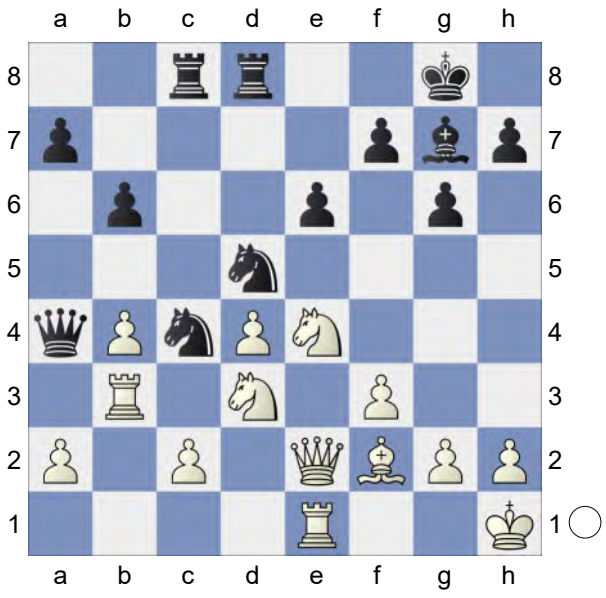


16.Bf2 Rc8 Black has compensation.
17.Re1 e6 0.01/16
[17...Bh6!∓ -0.47/20 18.g3 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Nh5]
18.Ne4 -0.36/19
[18.Nfe2= 0.01/16 should be considered.]
18...Nd5 19.Nd3 b6 White must now prevent ...f5. **20.Rb3 Qd7**

(Diagram)



21.Kh1 Rfd8 22.Qe2 Qa4 0.18/17
[22...a5∓ -0.39/18]



23.a3! Qc6
[23...Nxa3? too greedy. 24.Ra1+-]
[23...Re8 24.Qd1]
24.Rc1 h5

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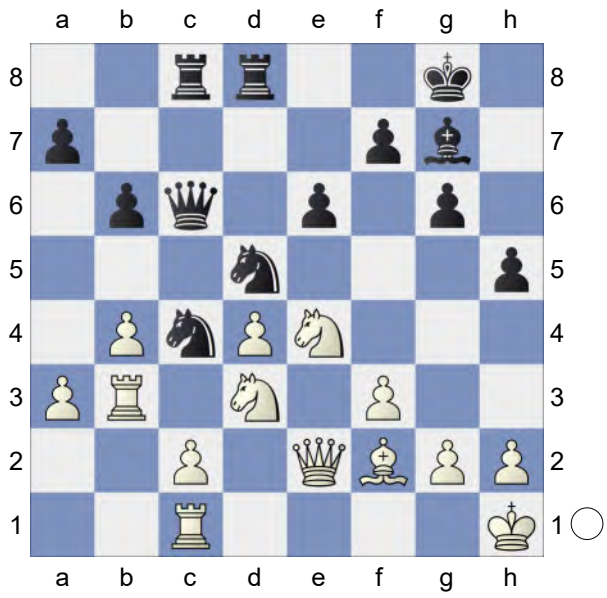
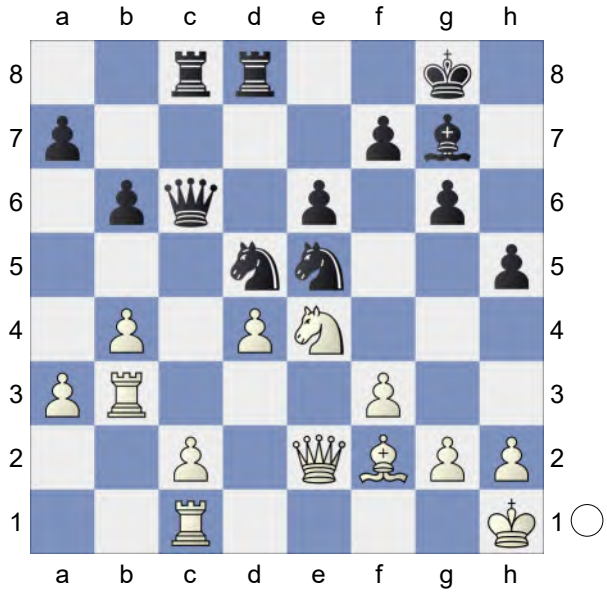
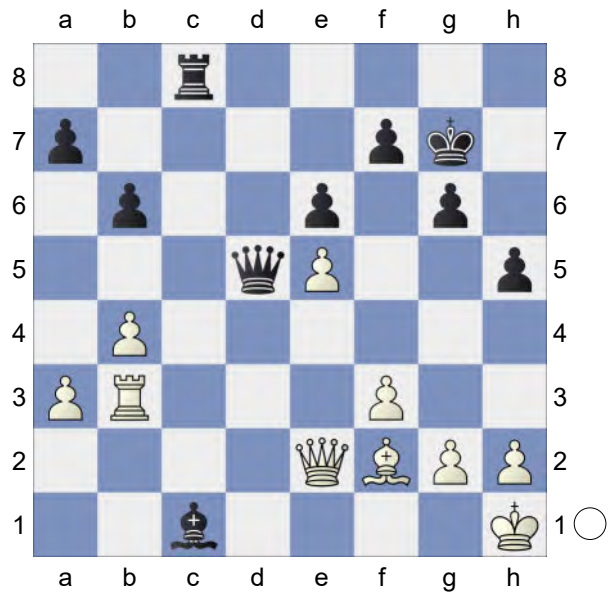


25.Ne5 -0.71/22 **Nxe5∓**



26.dxe5 Bh6! 27.c4? -2.92/20 **Bxc1-+**
28.cxd5 Rxd5 -1.67/20
[⌓28...Qc2 -3.12/20 29.Qxc2 Rxc2]
29.Nf6+
[Wrong is 29.Rc3? Qxc3 30.Nxc3 Rxc3-+]
29...Kg7 30.Nxd5 Qxd5

(Diagram)



31.Rd3 Qc4 32.Qd1 Bh6 -1.28/21
[32...Bg5-+ -1.72/23 33.h4 Bf4 *(33...Bxh4? 34.g3-+)*]
33.h3 -1.81/23
[33.Rd7∓ -1.28/21]
33...Bf4 -1.27/21
[33...Qa2-+ -1.81/23 34.Be3 Bxe3 35.Rxe3 Rc2]
34.Rd4 -2.51/23
[34.Rd7∓ -1.27/21]
34...Qc1 35.Kg1? -4.74/22
[35.Rd7 -2.44/21 was worth a try.]
35...Bxe5 -2.84/23
[⌓35...Qxa3 -4.74/22 Threatens to win with ...Rc1. 36.Qf1 *(36.Rxf4? Rc1-+* Pin *)* 36...Rc1 Pin *(36...Bxe5? 37.Rd1-+)*]

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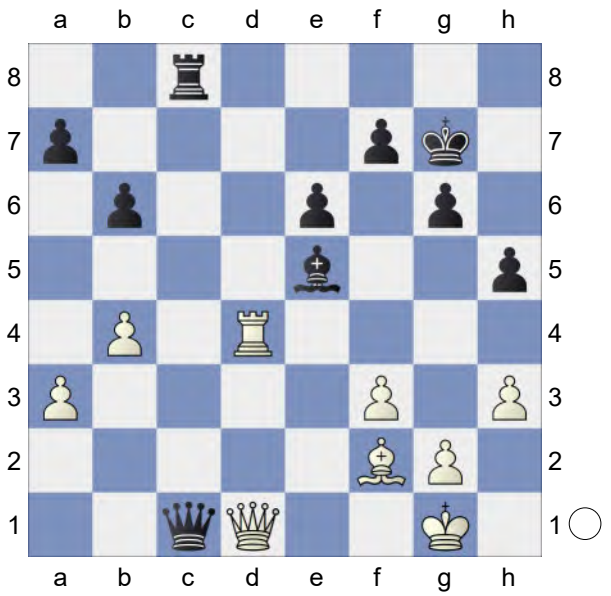
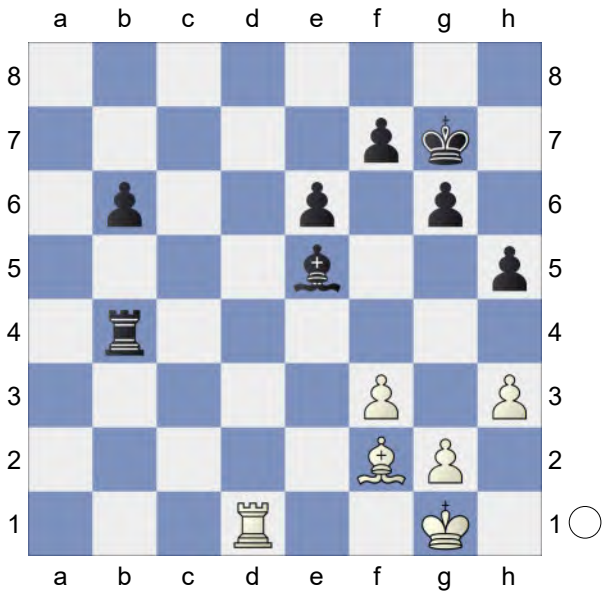


36.Rd3 Rc3 37.a4 Rc4 38.a5 Qxd1+ 39.Rxd1 Rxb4 40.axb6 axb6



41.Rd7? -#4/10
[41.g4-+ -3.25/22]
41...Rb1+

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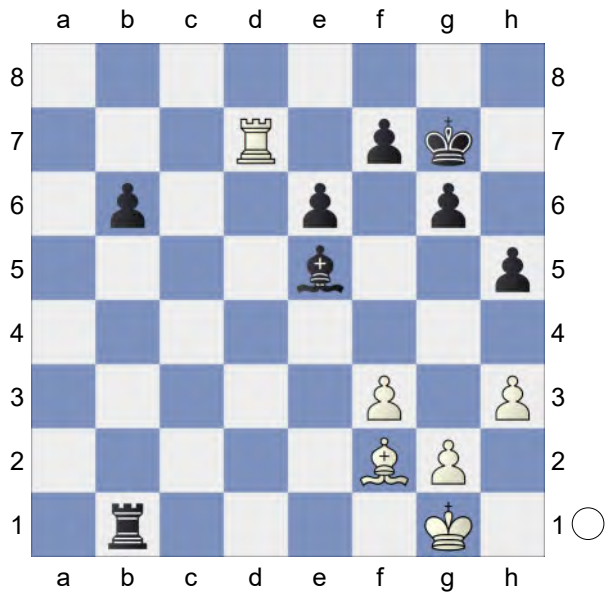

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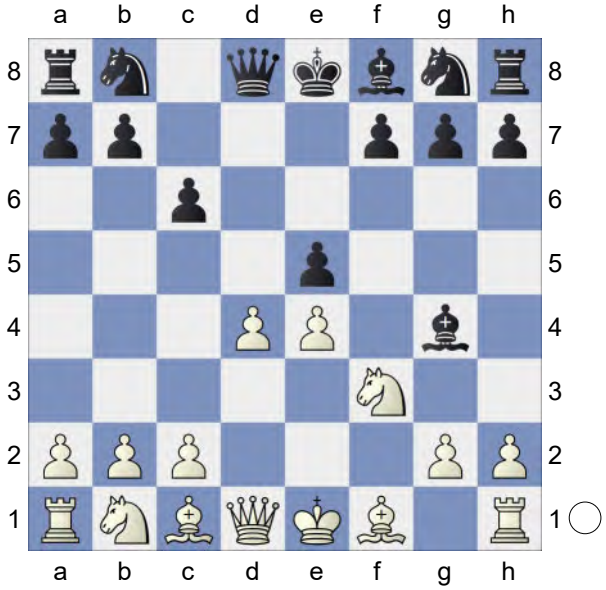
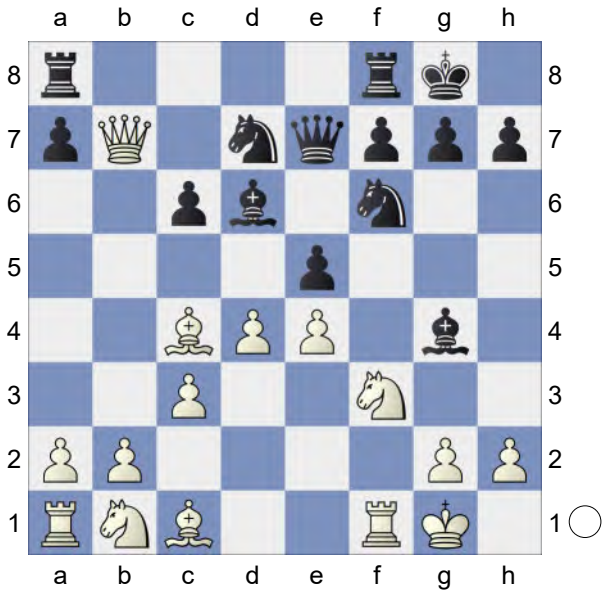
39 **B12**
□ **Polyclinical** **2907**
■ **Garycoldman** **2607**
Blitz 11.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.c3 Nd7 7.Bc4 Bd6 8.Qb3
The position is equal. **8...Qe7 9.0-0**
Hoping for Bxf7+!
[9.Qxb7 Rb8 10.Qxc6 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Ngf6 12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.f4 0-0 14.fxe5 Nxe5 B6-N,N Survey 1995]
9...Ngf6N
[9...Bxf3 10.Rxf3 *(10.gxf3 Ngf6 11.Qxb7 0-0 12.Qxc6 Rfc8 13.Qa6 exd4 14.cxd4 Nb6 15.Bd3 Nfd5 16.exd5 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Qg5+ 18.Kf2 Qxc1* Chapter The Fantasy Variat-Fantasy Variation 6.Bc4 #4*)* 10...Ngf6 11.Qxb7 0-0 12.Qxc6 exd4 13.cxd4 Ng4 14.e5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Ndxe5 16.Qe4 Qc5+ Chapter The Fantasy Variat-Fantasy Variation 6.Bc4 #6]
10.Qxb7 0-0



11.Nbd2 Bxf3
[11...exd4 12.cxd4 Bxf3 *(12...Nxe4 13.Re1±)* 13.Nxf3± *(13.gxf3 Rab8=; 13.Rxf3 c5∓)*]
12.Nxf3
[12.gxf3 Rab8 13.Qa6 *(13.Qxc6 exd4 14.cxd4 Rb6∓; 13.Qxa7 exd4 14.cxd4 c5=)* 13...Nh5]
[12.Rxf3 exd4 13.cxd4 *(13.Qxc6? Ne5-+)* 13...c5∓ *(13...Ne5 14.Rb3±)*]
12...Rab8 0.87/19
[12...exd4= 0.25/20 keeps the balance. 13.cxd4 *(13.Qxc6 dxc3 14.bxc3 Rac8∓; 13.Nxd4 Rab8=)* 13...c5]
13.Qxc6± Rfc8 14.Qa6 Nxe4? 2.23/21
[14...exd4± 0.66/20 15.Nxd4 Nc5]

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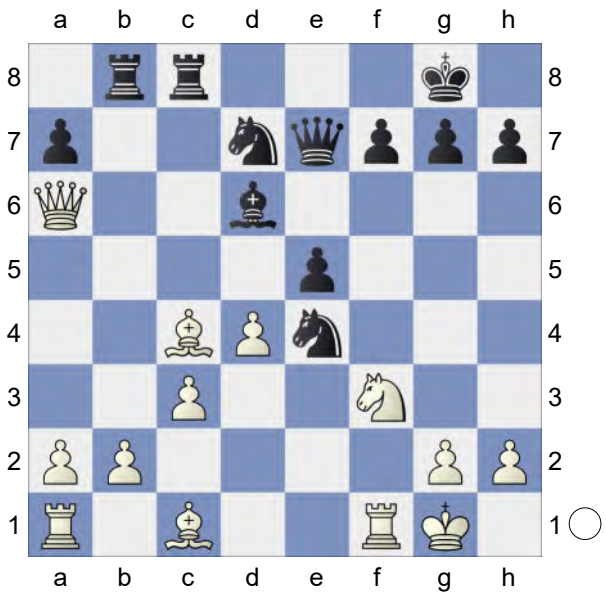
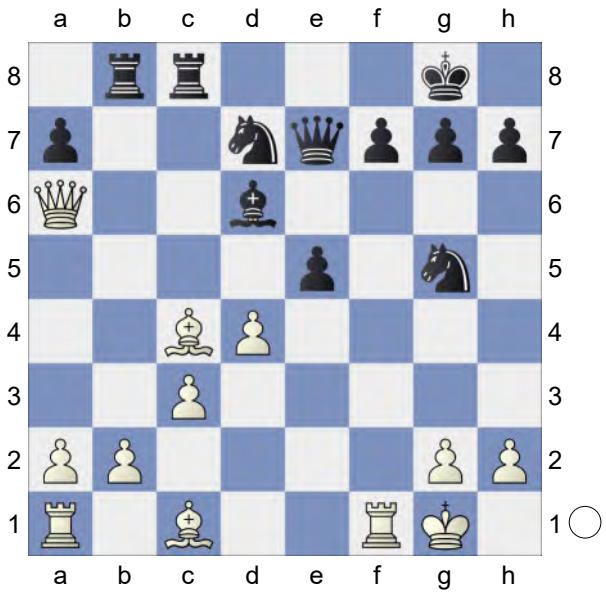
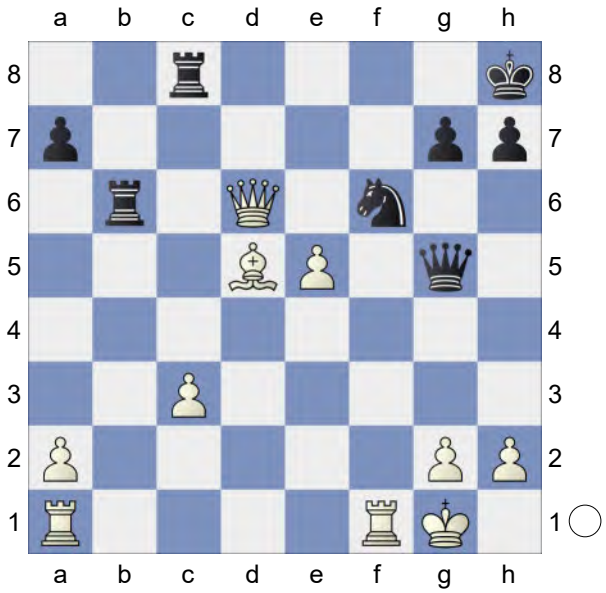


15.Ng5!+- Nxg5
[15...Nef6 16.Nxf7]



16.Bxg5 Qxg5 17.Bxf7+? -0.27/23
[17.Qxd6 Rxb2 18.Bd5 *(18.Qxd7? Qxg2#; 18.Bxf7+ Kh8=)* 18...Nf6=]
[17.Rxf7+- 2.34/21 Threatens to win with Rf5+. Kh8 18.Qxd6 *(18.Rxd7 Bc7+-)*]
17...Kh8= White must now prevent ... Qh6. **18.Qxd6 Rxb2! 19.Bd5** -2.22/20
[19.Qxd7? Qxg2#]
[19.Qd5!= -0.29/24 and White has nothing to worry. Nf6 20.Qf3]
19...Nf6?? 1.86/21
[19...e4!-+ -2.22/20 avoids the disaster. 20.g4 *(20.Qxd7? Qxg2#)* 20...Nf6 *(20...Qxg4+? 21.Qg3-+)*]
20.dxe5+- Rb6? 4.15/23
[20...Rxc3 21.Qf8+]
[20...Ng8 1.98/21 21.Rae1 Rd8]



21.Qa3? 0.81/19
[21.Qe7+- 4.15/23 and the rest is easy. Qe3+ *(21...Re8 22.Qxe8+* Remove Defender, Back Rank *Nxe8 23.Rf8#)* 22.Kh1]
21...Qxe5 22.Bf3→ Black is in trouble.
[22.Qxa7? Ng4 *(22...Nxd5? 23.Qd7-+)* 23.Rf2 Qxh2+ 24.Kf1 Ne3+ 25.Ke1 Nxd5-+]
22...Rxc3 23.Qxa7 Qc5+ 24.Kh1 h5 25.a4 a5 would now be deadly. **25...Qd6** 2.72/21
[25...Re6± 1.39/19 26.Qa8+ Re8]

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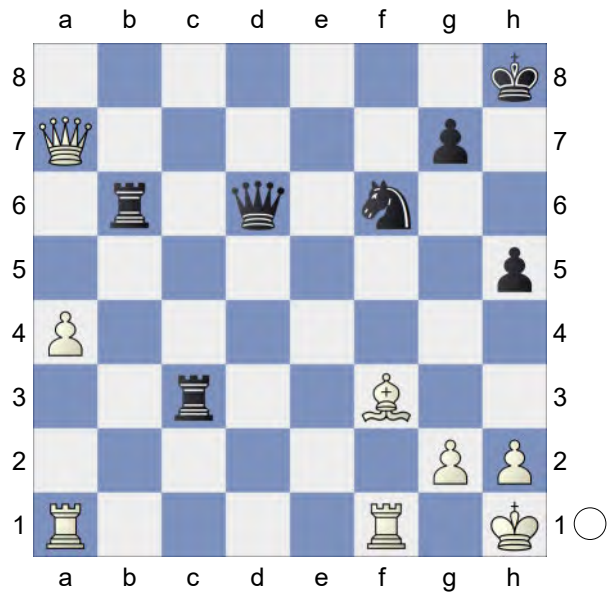
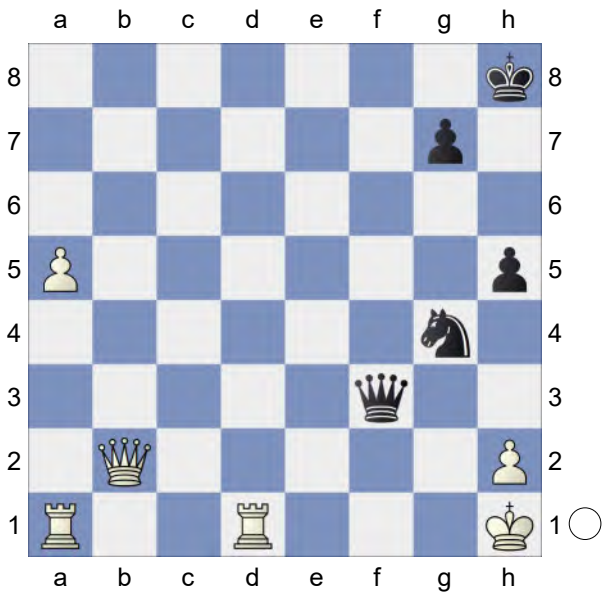
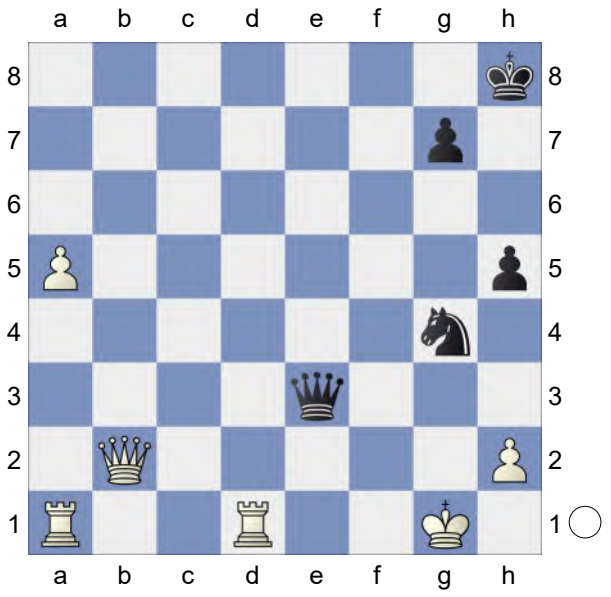


26.a5 Rb2 5.44/22
[26...Ra6 2.32/20 is a better chance. 27.Qb7 Re3]
27.Rfd1 Qf4 5.70/22
[27...Rd2 3.96/23 might work better. 28.Rxd2 Qxd2]
28.Qd4 Rxf3 7.03/25
[28...Qxd4 3.27/23 29.Rxd4 Re3]
29.Qxb2 Ng4 30.gxf3 4.83/19
[⌓30.Rd8+ 11.73/24 Kh7 31.Qc2+ *(31.gxf3 Qxf3+ 32.Kg1 Qe3+ 33.Kf1 Qh3+ 34.Ke1 Qh4+ 35.Kd2 Qxd8+ 36.Kc3 Qf6+ 37.Kb3 Qe6+ 38.Ka3 Ne3=)* 31...Qf5 32.Qxf5+ Rxf5 33.a6]
30...Qxf3+

(Diagram)

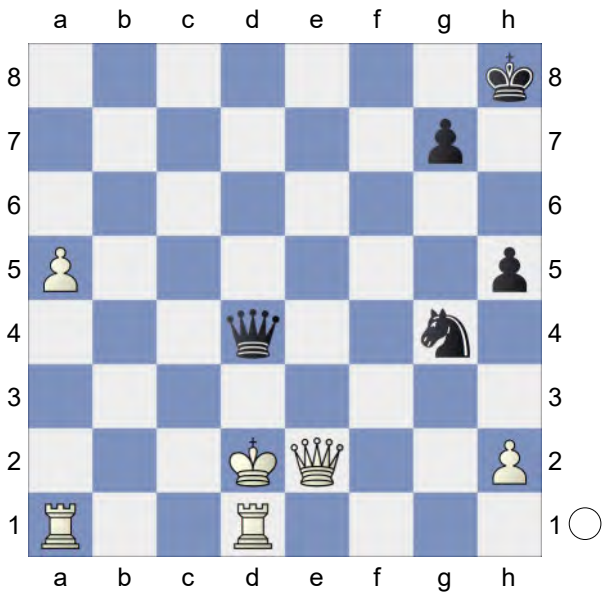


31.Kg1!
[Inferior is 31.Qg2 Nf2+ 32.Kg1 Nh3+=]
31...Qe3+



32.Kf1! Qf3+ 33.Ke1 Qe3+ 34.Qe2 Threatening mate with Qxe3. **34...Qg1+ 35.Kd2 Qd4+**

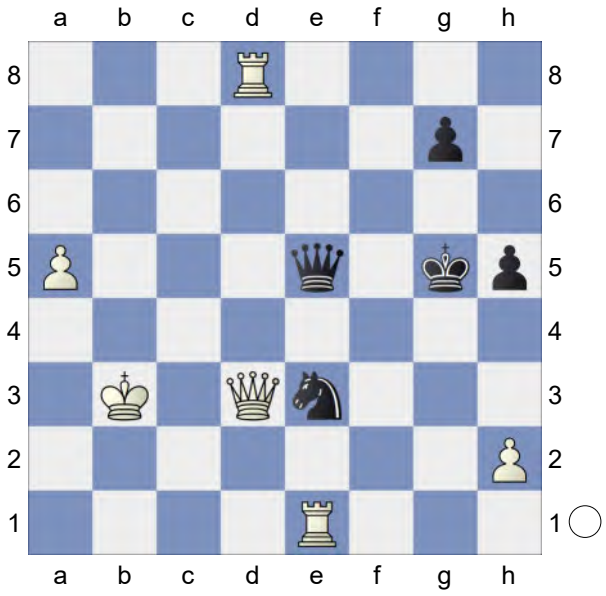
(Diagram)



36.Kc2 White threatens Qe8+ and mate. **36...Ne3+ 37.Kb3 Qe5 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Qd3+ Kh6 40.Re1** 17.88/17

[⌓40.Qd6+ #16/18 Qxd6 41.Rxd6+ Kg5 42.a6 Nf5 43.a7 Nxd6 44.a8Q *(44.a8R Ne4+-)* 44...Nf5 45.Qd8+ Kf4 46.Rf1+ Ke5 47.Qa5+ Skewer Kd6 48.Rxf5 *(48.Qxf5 h4 49.Rd1+ Kc7 50.Rd7+ Kb6 51.Qe6+ Kc5 52.Rd5#)*]

40...Kg5



41.Rxe3

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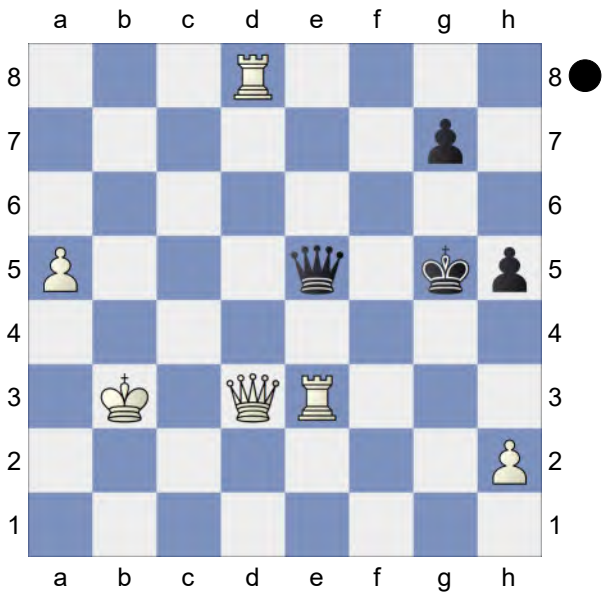
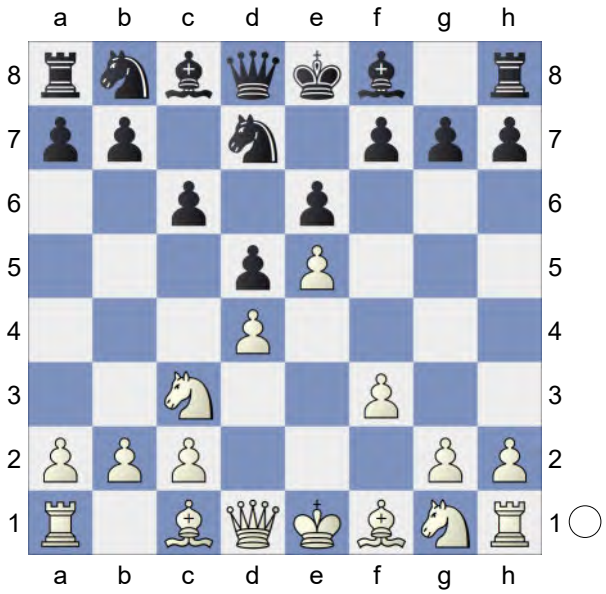


Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.88

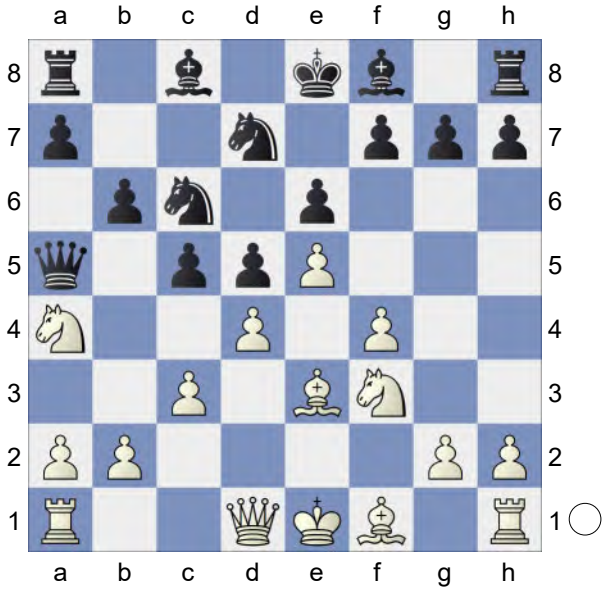
1-0

40 **C11**
□ **Azumilover** **2946**
■ **Odessacoach** **2673**
Blitz 05.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

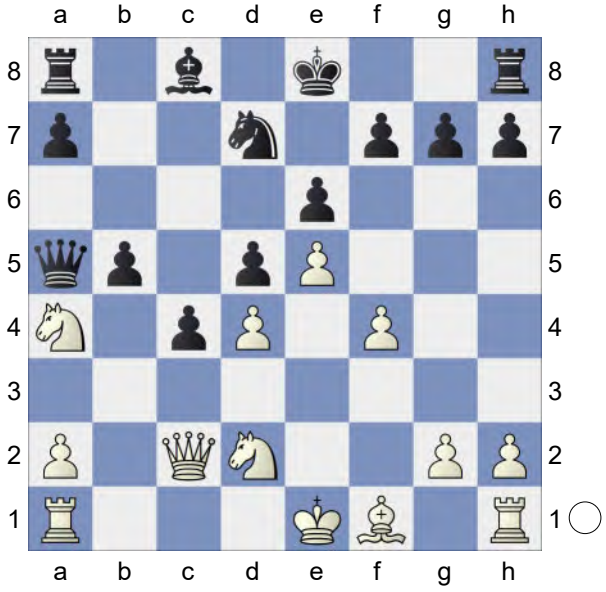
Blitz 3min
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4
1.e4
[1.Nf3]
1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



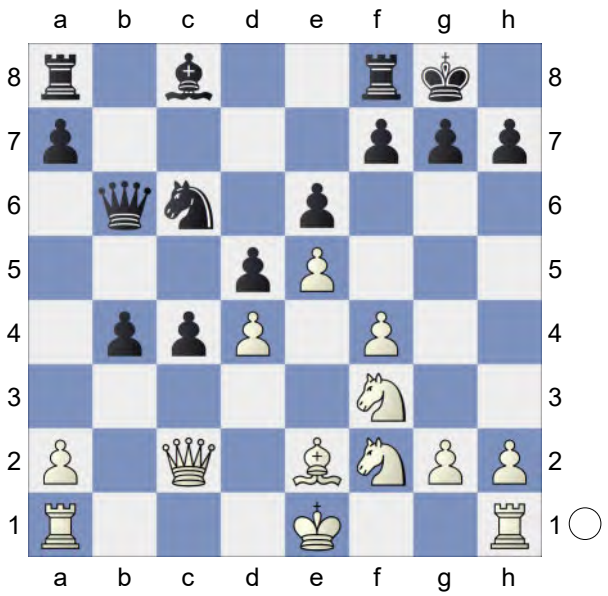
6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 Qb6
[8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]
9.Na4 Qa5+ 10.c3 b6N
[10...cxd4 11.b4 Qc7 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 a6 14.Be2 Be7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Nb2 b5 17.a4 bxa4 18.Rxa4 Bb7 19.Bf3 g6 20.Qd2 a5 21.Rfa1 axb4 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Rxa8+ Bxa8 24.cxb4 Qb7 25.Nd3 ½-½ (54) Vittiglio,G (2216)-8.d5 ♖b8 9. ♕e1_63263 (2406) Antalya 90/(24) 2004 (7)]



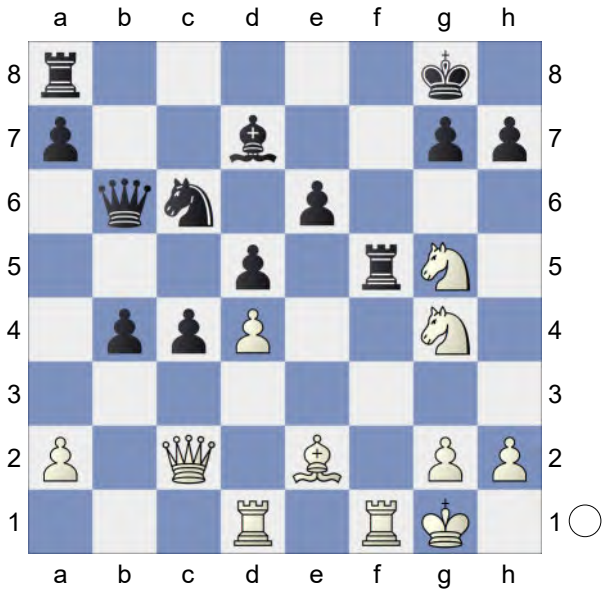
11.Bd2 c4 12.b4 Nxb4 13.cxb4 Bxb4 14.Qc2 Bxd2+ The position is equal.
15.Nxd2 b5



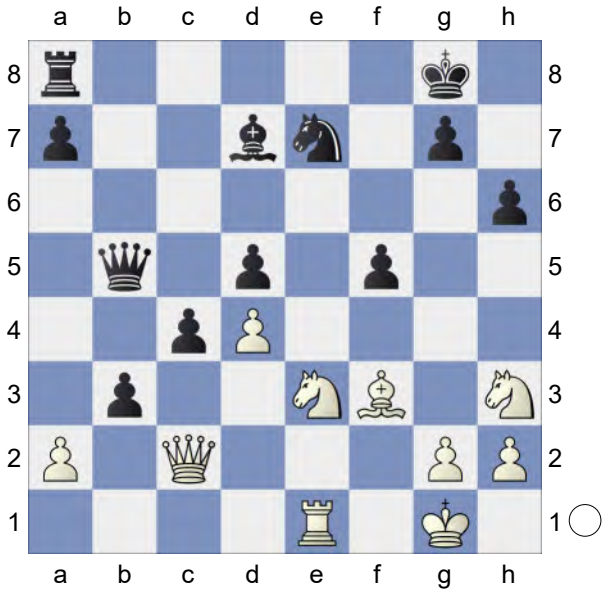
16.Nc3 0-0 17.Be2 b4 18.Nd1 Qb6 19.Nf3 Nb8 20.Nf2 -0.42/19
[20.a3= 0.00/16]
20...Nc6∓



21.Rd1 f6 -0.12/19 Prevents Ng5
[Black should play 21...h6∓ -0.76/17]
22.0-0 -0.53/18
[22.exf6= -0.12/19 Rxf6 23.Qd2]
22...Bd7 0.35/17
[22...fxe5∓ -0.53/18 23.fxe5 Bd7]
23.exf6± Rxf6 24.Ng4 Rxf4 25.Ng5! Rf5

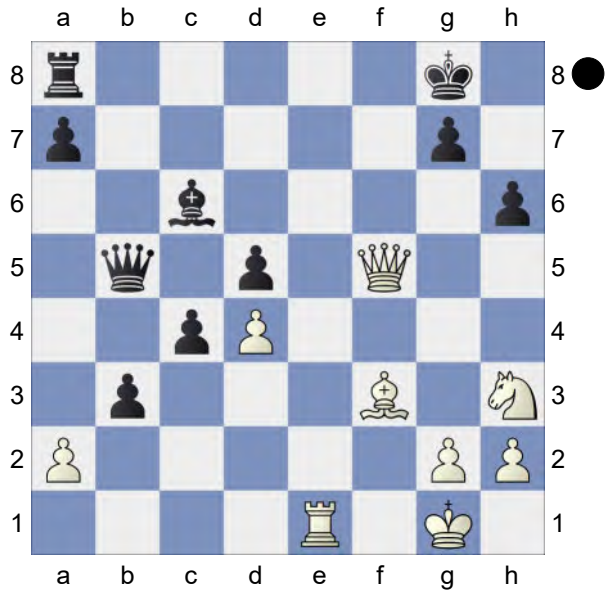


26.Rxf5 exf5
[26...Nxd4 27.Rf8+ *(27.Rxd4 exf5 28.Qd1 fxg4∓)* 27...Kxf8 28.Qxh7 Nxe2+ 29.Kh1+-]
27.Bf3 Qb5 2.49/22
[27...Nxd4= -0.01/20 28.Bxd5+ Be6 29.Qxc4 *(29.Qf2? Bxd5 30.Ne3 c3-+)* 29...Nf3+ Discovered Attack (Double Check), Double Attack *(29...fxg4? 30.Rxd4 g6 31.Nxe6+-)* 30.Kh1 Nxg5]
28.Ne3 A dynamic duo of knights.
28...Ne7 29.Re1? 0.08/20
[29.Nxc4!+- 1.92/19 Rc8 Pin 30.Qe2]
29...h6 0.90/21
[29...Re8= 0.08/20]
30.Nh3± White has more active pieces.
30...b3 1.32/18
[⌓30...Re8 0.82/19]



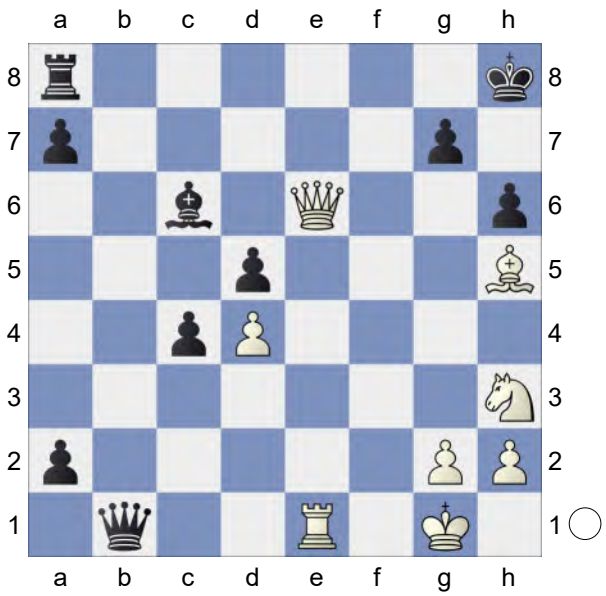
31.Qb1? -0.50/17
[31.axb3± 1.32/18 cxb3 32.Qc5 Qxc5 33.dxc5]
31...Bc6 1.60/19
[31...b2 32.Nf4 *(32.Nd1 Qb4=)* 32...Rb8 33.Nfxd5 Nxd5 34.Bxd5+ Kh8 35.Bxc4∓]
[31...Rb8!∓ -0.50/17 keeps the upper hand.]
32.Nxf5 0.62/18
[32.axb3± 1.60/19 cxb3 33.Nf4 *(33.Nxf5 Nxf5 34.Qxf5 Rf8=)*]

32...Nxf5± 33.Qxf5

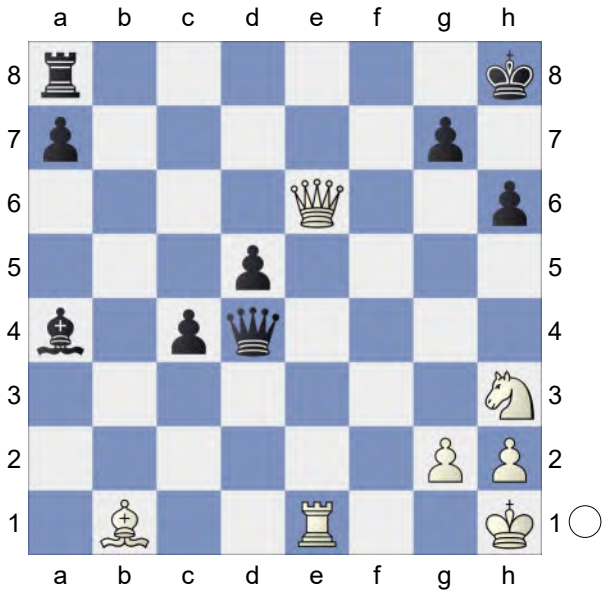


White threatens Re7 and mate.
33...bxa2 Threatens to win with ...Rf8.
34.Qe6+? -4.07/22
[34.Ng5= 0.01/22 hxg5 35.Qe6+ Kh8 36.Qh3+ Kg8 37.Bg4 *(37.Qe6+ Kh7=)*]
34...Kh8-+ 35.Bh5 -6.89/21
Dodges Re8
[35.Nf4 -3.54/20 Qb1 36.Ng6+ Kh7 37.Ne7]
35...Qb1 -2.96/20
[⌓35...Bd7 -6.89/21 36.Qe3 Bxh3 *(36...Qb2? 37.Nf2-+)* 37.gxh3 Qb2]

(Diagram)



36.Bg6 a1Q 1.24/20
[36...Bd7-+ -2.96/21 37.Bxb1 axb1Q *(37...a1B 38.Qxd7 Rg8 39.Qf7 Bxd4+ 40.Kh1 g6 41.Re7 Bg7 42.Qxg6 Rf8 43.Qxg7#)*]
37.Bxb1±
[37.Rxb1 Qxd4+ 38.Nf2 *(38.Kh1 Qf6=)* 38...Qf6±]
37...Qxd4+ 38.Kh1 Ba4? #7/17
[38...Qf6± 1.37/21]



39.Qg6

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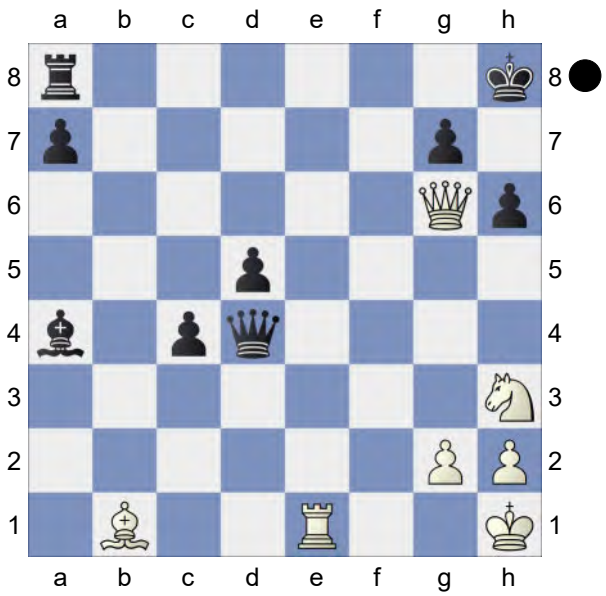
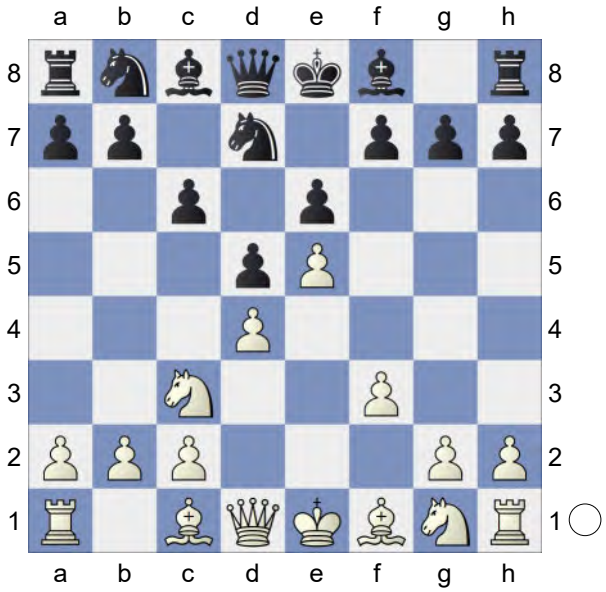


Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=1.04
1-0

41 **C11**
□ **Lunacek,J** **2719**
■ **Sikorova,Jana** **2725**
54/146 Barcelona (2) 03.12.2022
[John Watson]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4

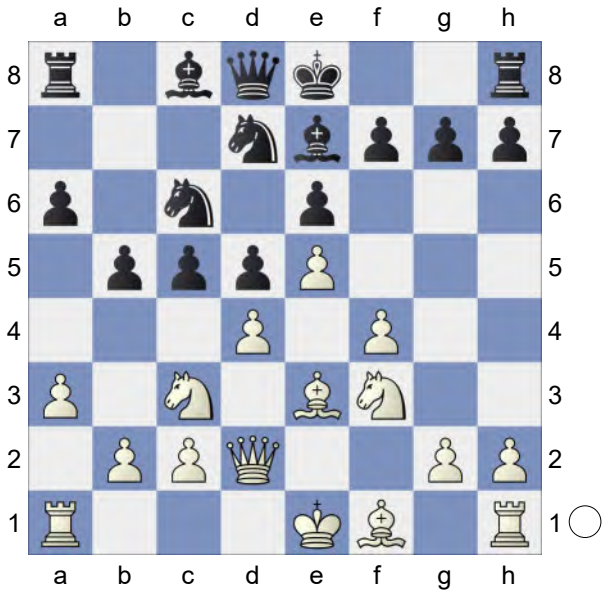
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 a6 10.a3 b5

[10...0-0 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Qf2 b6 13.b4 Nd7 14.Bd3 f6 15.Qg3 d4 16.0-0-0 dxe3 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh3+ Kg8 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Qxc6 Ra7 21.Nh4 Qe8 22.Nd5 Kh7 23.Nxe7 Qxe7 24.Nf5 Nxe5 25.Nxe7 1-0 (38) Hantel,T (2808)-Moskvichev,V (2654) Berlin-ch 2023 (6.2)]

(Diagram)



11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Qf2 The position is equal. **12...Nd7 13.Bd3N**

[13.Ne2 Bb7 14.Ned4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Bd3 Qa5+ 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.0-0 0-0 19.Be3 Qc7 20.Qg3 Bc5 21.Rae1 Bxd4 22.Bxd4 Nc5 23.f5 exf5 24.Bxf5 Rcd8 25.Qc3 Ne6 26.Qxc7 Nxc7 27.Bb6 Rc8 1-0 (60) Gaillet,P (1670)-Devaux,N (1905) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (6) 28.Bxc8 Rxc8 29.Bxc7 Rxc7 30.e6 fxe6 31.Rxe6 h6 32.Rf2 Rd7 33.Re8+ Kh7 34.Rfe2 Bc6 35.R2e7 Rd6 36.Re6 Bxe8 37.Rxd6 Bg6 38.c3 Be4 39.Rxa6 Bd3 40.Rb6 Bc4 41.b3 Bd3 42.a4 bxa4 1-0 (60) Gaikwad,M (1811)-Vihaan,K (1608) Bhubaneswar op-A 14th 2023 (6)]

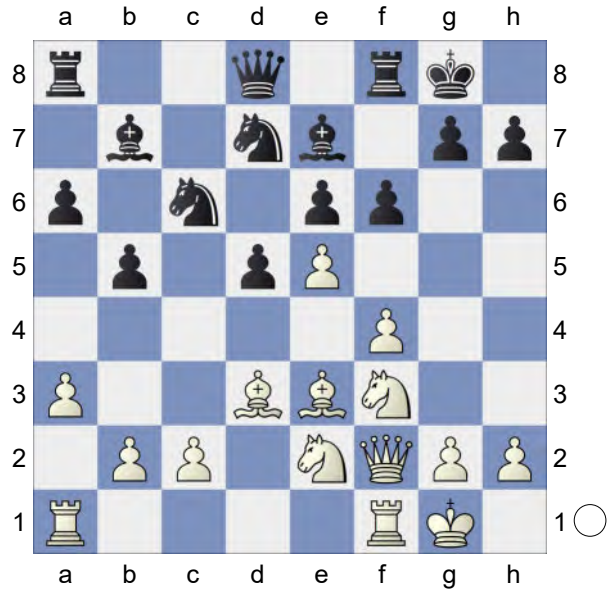
13...Bb7 0.52/18

[13...b4= 0.08/18 14.axb4 Nxb4]

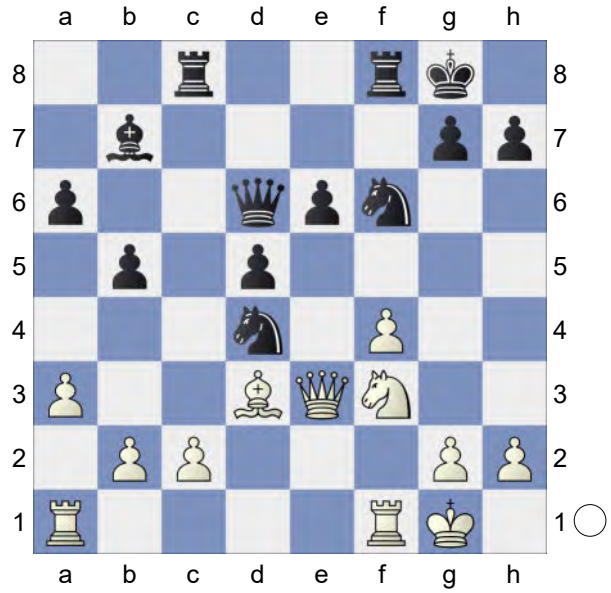
14.0-0± 0-0 15.Ne2 f6 0.86/19

[15...Qc7 0.86/18 15...b4 0.30 16.b4 a5 17.c3 Ba6 18.Kh1 Rfb8 19.Qg3 f5 1.86/20 *(19...Re8± 0.90/14 20.Ned4 Nxd4)* 20.exf6+- Bxf6 21.Qh3 Nf8 22.Ng5 Bxg5 2.97/20 *(22...h6± 1.53/18 23.Nxe6 Qd7)*

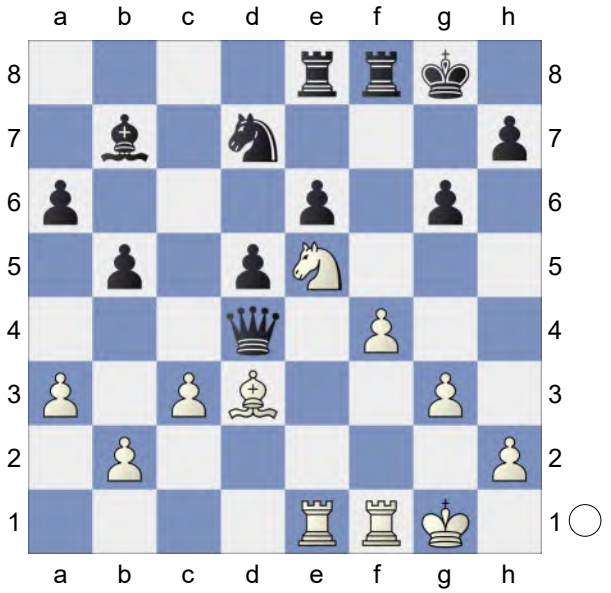
23.fxg5]
[15...b4± 0.50/20]



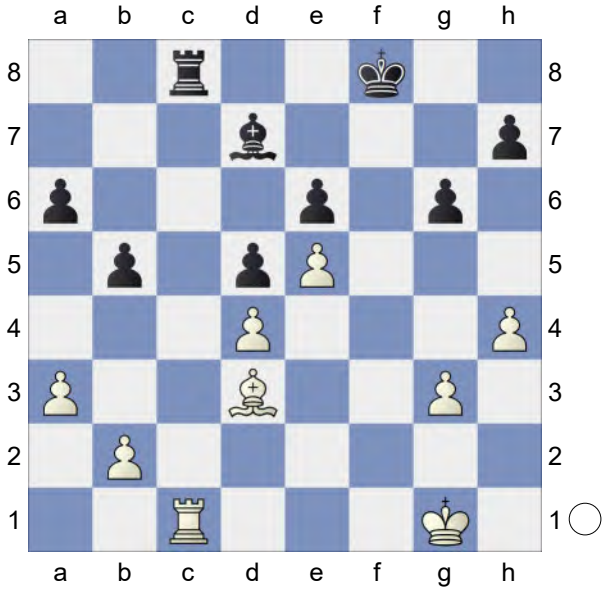
16.exf6 0.40/19
[White should play 16.Ned4± 0.86/19 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 *(17.Nxd4 Nc5±)*]
16...Nxf6 17.Bc5 -0.24/18
[17.Qg3± 0.63/19]
17...Bxc5 0.34/20
[17...Ne4!= -0.24/18 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Bxe4 dxe4]
18.Qxc5 Rc8 19.Qe3 Qd6 20.Ned4 Nxd4



21.Qxd4 g6 22.Rae1 Rce8 23.g3 Nd7 24.Ne5 White is more active. **24...Qc5 25.c3 Qxd4+**

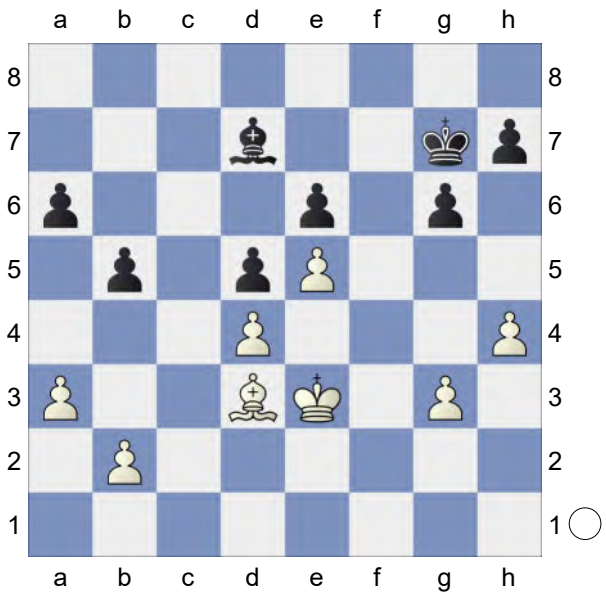


26.cxd4 Nxe5 27.fxe5 Rc8 28.h4 Bc6 29.Rc1 Bd7 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8

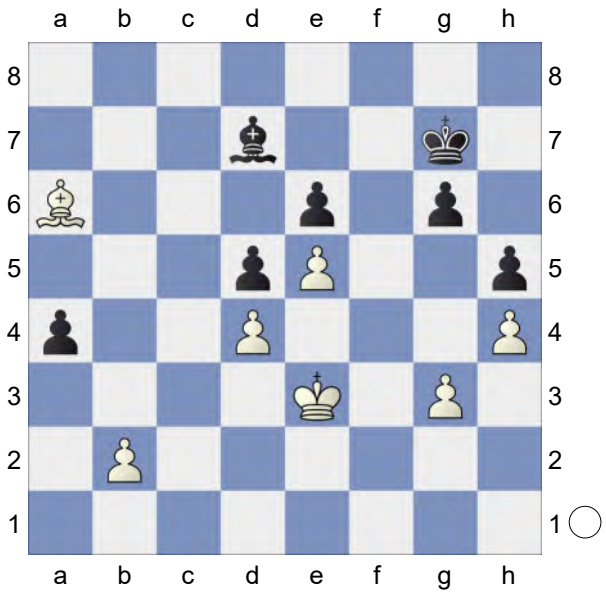


31.Rxc8+ Bxc8± Endgame. KB-KB
32.Kf2 Kg7? 2.95/29 A mistake that costs the game.
[32...Bd7± 1.43/30 was necessary.]
33.Ke3+- Bd7

(Diagram)

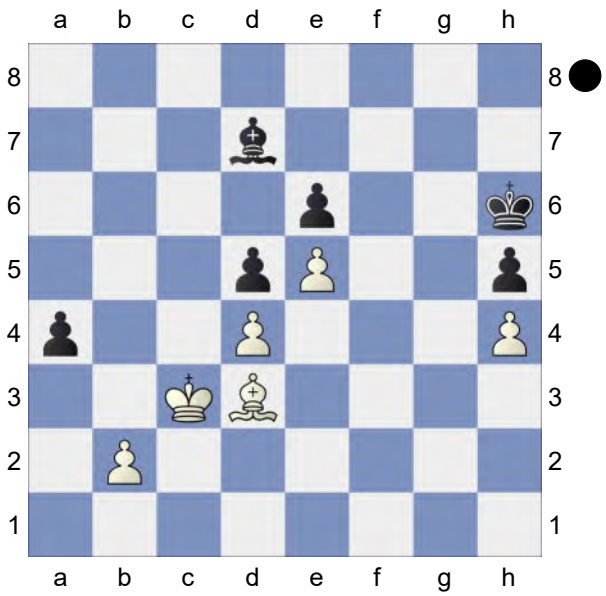


34.a4! bxa4 35.Bxa6 Hoping for Kd3.
35...h5? 9.88/30
[35...Kh6 2.18/28 36.Kd2 g5]



36.Bd3 White is clearly winning.
36...Kh6 37.Kd2 g5 38.Kc3 gxh4 39.gxh4

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
1-0

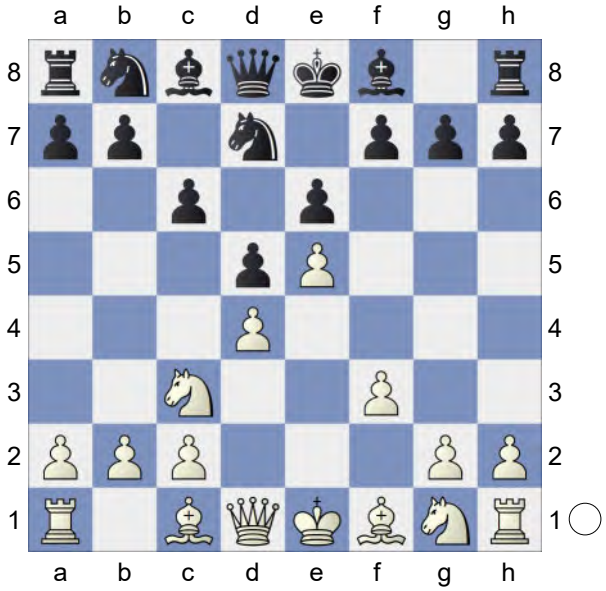
42 **C11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
Tata Steel India Blitz (2.3) 03.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5

[5.Be3 Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 1-0 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7.e3_54520 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)]

5...Nfd7

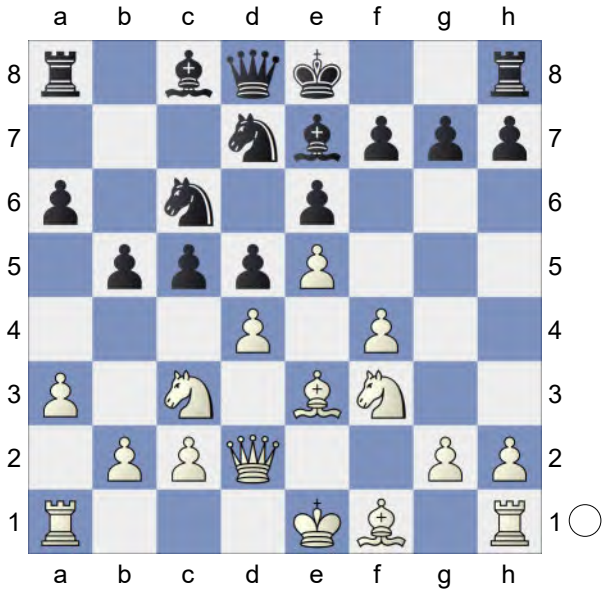


6.f4N

[6.Nce2 b6 7.f4 Ba6 8.Nf3 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.g4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Be7 12.Ng3 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Qc8 14.Qe2 a5 15.Bd2 Caro Kann-5.♘f3 ♘gf6 6.♘g3 e6 7.î Survey 2019]

6...c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 a6 10.a3 b5 0.43/18

[10...0-0= 0.06/17 is superior.]



11.dxc5± Nxc5 12.Qf2 White is slightly better. **12...Nd7 13.Bd3 Bb7** 0.79/18 13...f6 is the recent fashion.13...f6 ist aktuell in Mode.

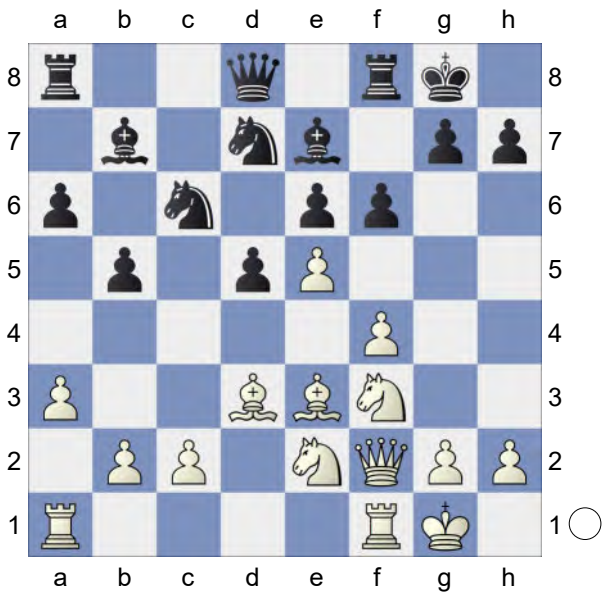
[13...b4= 0.24/17 remains equal.]

14.0-0± 0-0 15.Ne2 f6N 1.10/18

[Vorgänger: 15...Qc7 16.b4 a5 17.c3 Ba6 18.Kh1 Rfb8 19.Qg3 f5 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Qh3 Nf8 22.Ng5 Bxg5 23.fxg5 1-0 (40) Song,J (2312)-Lyell,M (2198) Budapest 2021]

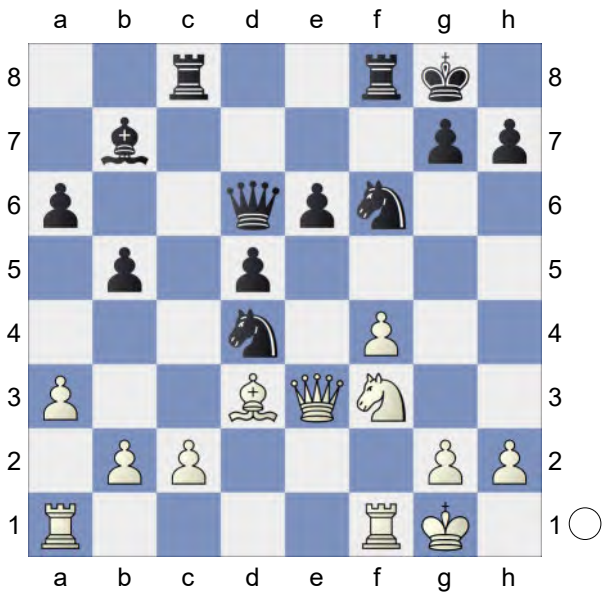
[Black should try 15...b4± 0.54/17]

(Diagram)

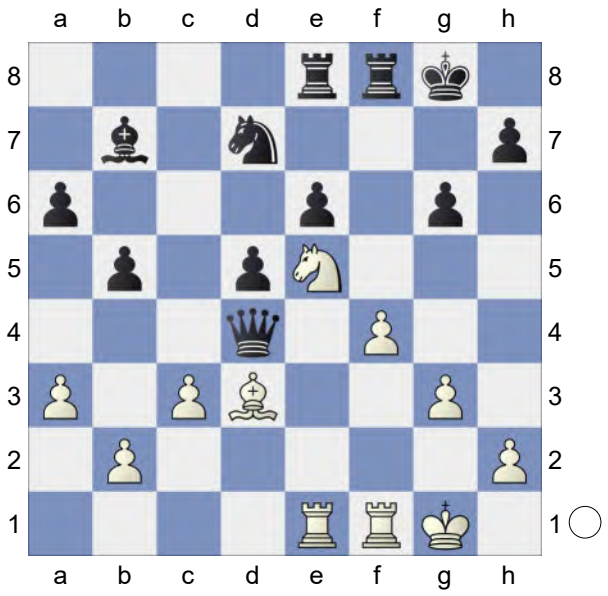


16.exf6 0.68/18
[Better is 16.Qh4± 1.10/18 f5 17.Qf2]
16...Nxf6 1.09/17
[16...Rxf6± 0.68/18 feels stronger. 17.Qh4 h6]
17.Bc5 0.66/18
[White should play 17.Ned4± 1.09/17]
17...Bxc5 18.Qxc5 Rc8 19.Qe3 Wards off Nf6-e4. White is much more active. **19...Qd6 20.Ned4 Nxd4** 1.04/20
[20...Ne4± 0.62/20 is more appropriate.]

(Diagram)

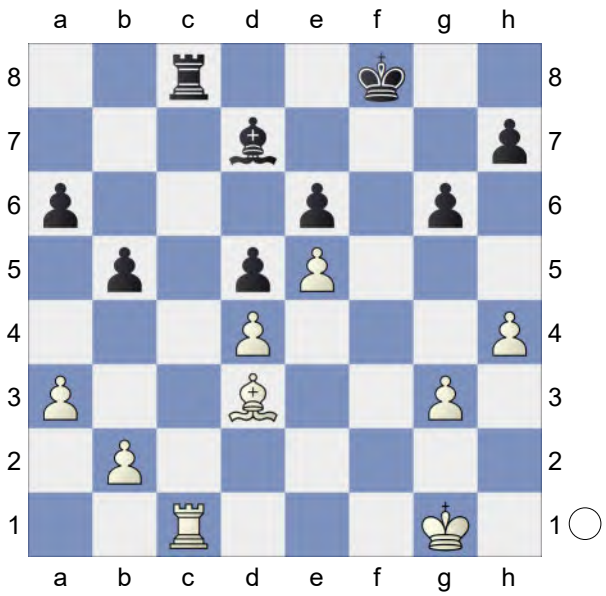


21.Qxd4 g6 22.Rae1 Rce8 1.51/19
[⌓22...Rb8 1.11/17 23.g3 Bc8]
23.g3 Nd7 24.Ne5 Qc5 25.c3 Qxd4+

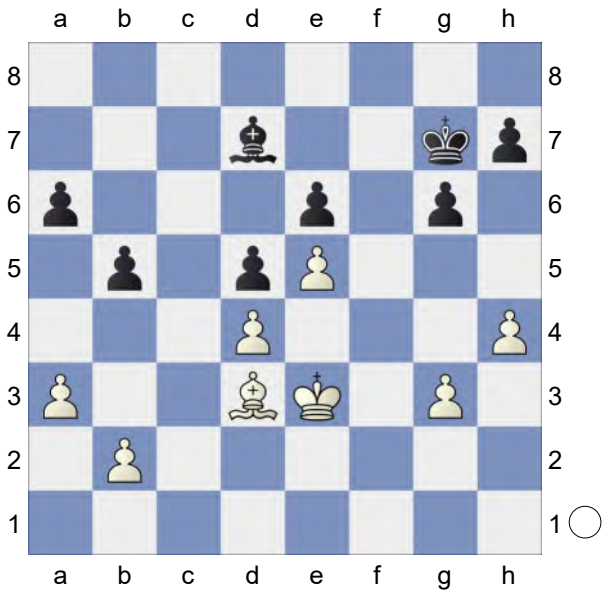


26.cxd4 Nxe5 27.fxe5 Rc8 28.h4 Bc6 1.58/25
[⌓28...Rc7 1.19/20 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8]
29.Rc1 Bd7 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8

(Diagram)

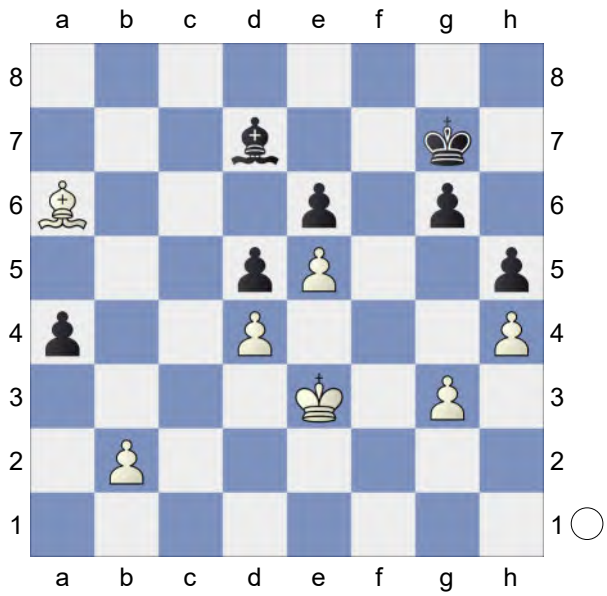


31.Rxc8+ Bxc8 Endgame. KB-KB
32.Kf2 Kg7 2.67/27
[⌓32...Ke7 1.78/26 33.Ke3 Bb7]
33.Ke3+- Hoping for Ke3-d2. **33...Bd7**

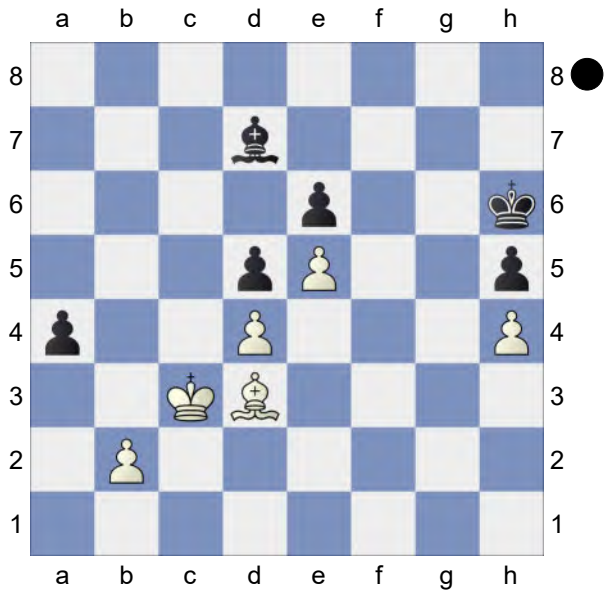


34.a4! Ke3-d2 would now be deadly.
34...bxa4 3.48/27
[⌓34...Kh6 2.22/24 35.a5 g5]
35.Bxa6 h5? 7.18/26
[35...g5 3.35/24 36.hxg5 Kg6]

(Diagram)



36.Bd3 White is clearly winning.
36...Kh6 37.Kd2 g5 38.Kc3 gxh4 39.gxh4



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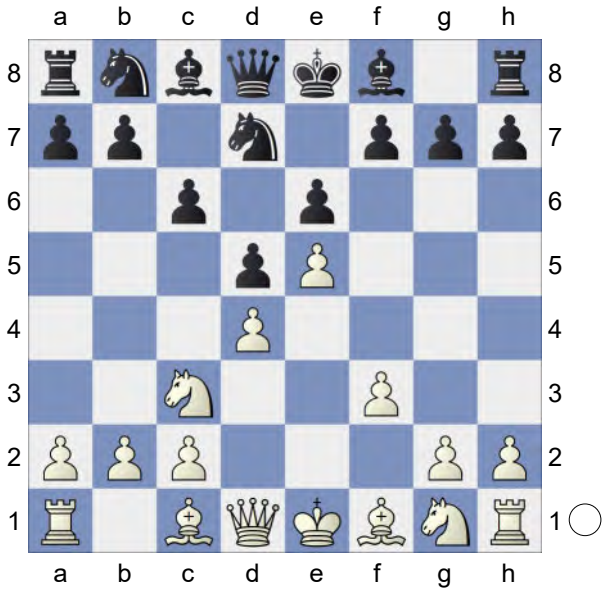
43 **C11**
□ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2649**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
MrDodgy Inv 3 Finals (2.4) 29.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



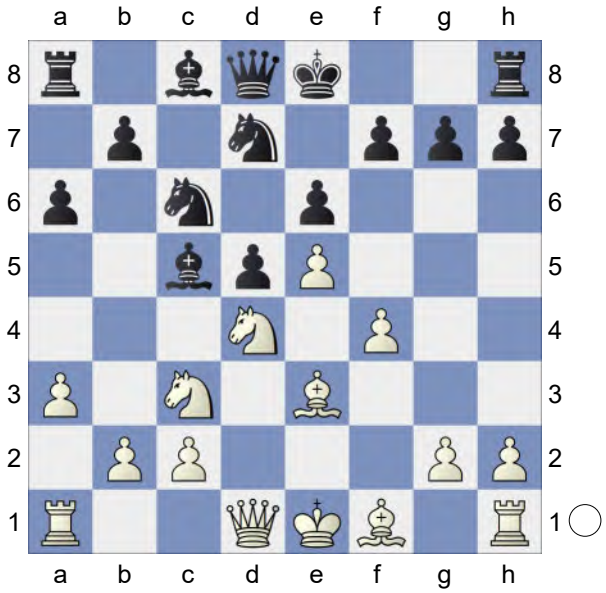
6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 a6

[8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]

9.a3 cxd4N

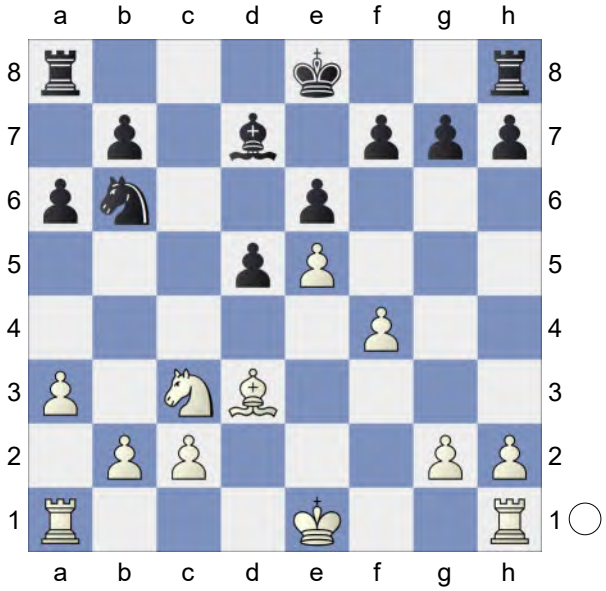
[9...Rb8 10.Qd2 Be7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.Bd3 b5 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Ne2 0-0 18.c3 Bd7 19.a4 Qe8 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Ned4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 f5 23.a5 Qf7 24.Nf3 ½-½ (65) Curtis,R (2341)-9. ♗h4 d5 10.e3 ♘bd7_69281 (2520) Copenhagen 1999 (3)]

10.Nxd4 Bc5



11.Qd2 Bxd4!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

12.Bxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Qxb6 Nxb6 15.Bd3 Bd7

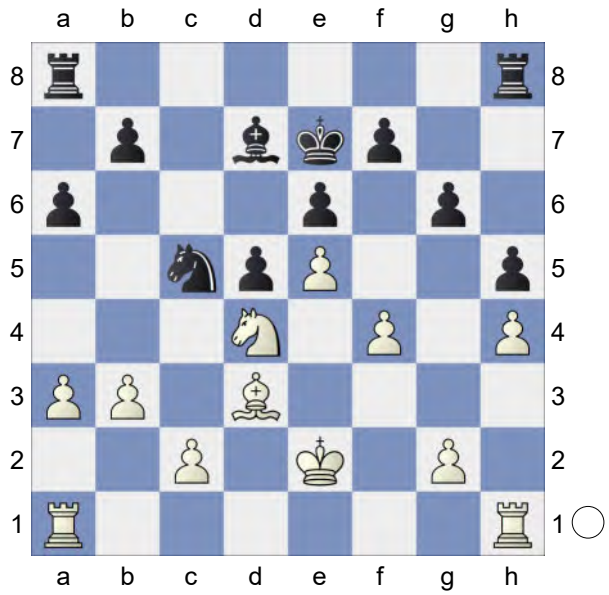


White is slightly better. **16.Ne2 Ke7N**

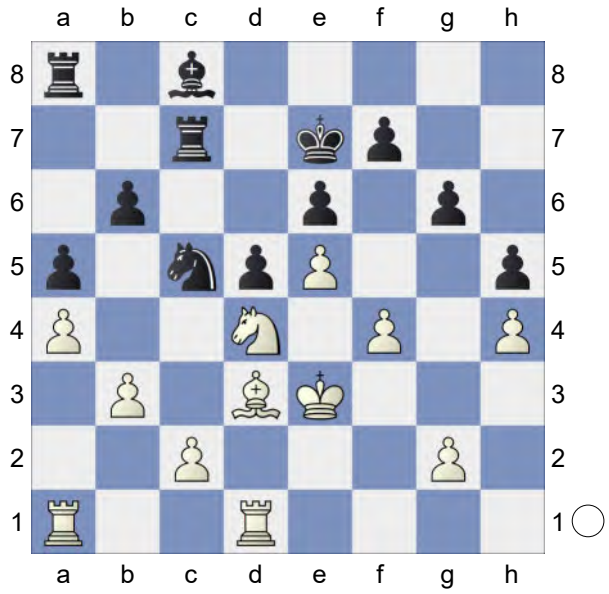
[Vorgänger: 16...f6 17.Kd2 fxe5 18.fxe5 Ke7 19.Rhf1 Raf8 20.h4 Be8 21.Nf4 Rhg8 22.g3 g5 23.hxg5 Rxg5 24.Nxe6! Rxf1 25.Rxf1 Kxe6 26.Rf6+ Kxe5 27.Rxb6 Rg7 28.b3

Bg6 29.Bxg6 ½-½ (28) Psakhis,L (2560)-Drasko,M (2510) Moscow 1988]

17.Nd4 g6 18.Ke2 h5 19.h4 Na4 20.b3 Nc5



21.a4 a5 22.Ke3 b6 23.Rhb1 Rhc8 24.Rc1 Rc7 25.Rd1 Bc8



26.Nb5 Rd7 27.Nd6 Ba6 28.Bb5 Bxb5 29.axb5 -0.38/20

[29.Nxb5= -0.01/22 Rh8 30.Rg1]

29...Rb8 0.01/19

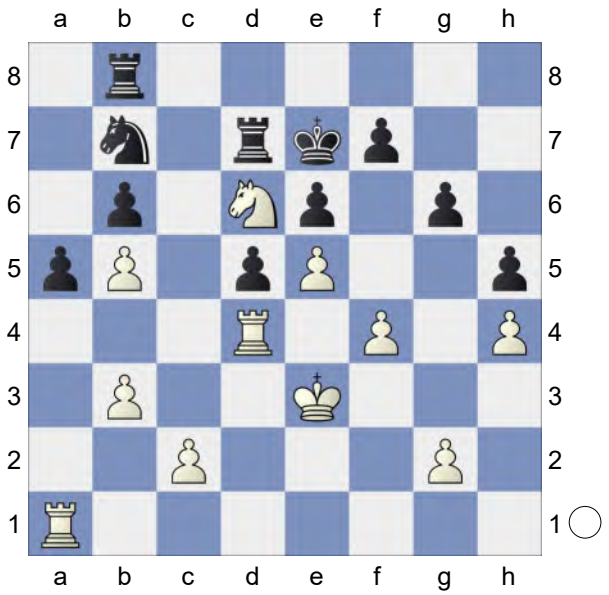
[29...Rad8∓ -0.38/20]

30.Rd4 -0.38/21

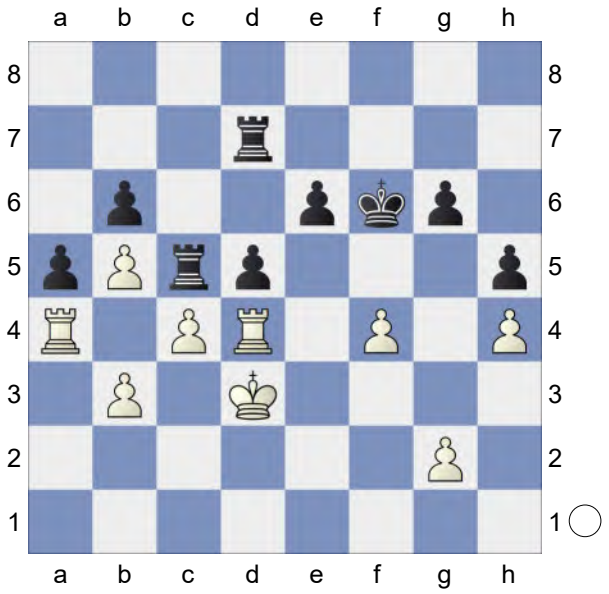
[30.Ra3= 0.01/19]

30...Nb7 -0.01/24

[30...f6!∓ -0.38/21 deserves consideration. 31.Rc1 Rc7]



31.Nxb7= Rbxb7 Endgame. KRR-KRR **32.c4 Rbc7 33.Ra4 Rc5 34.Kd3 f6 35.exf6+ Kxf6**



36.Kc3 Rdc7 37.Kd3 Kf5 38.Ra2 Rd7 39.Ke3 Rd8 40.Rad2 Kf6

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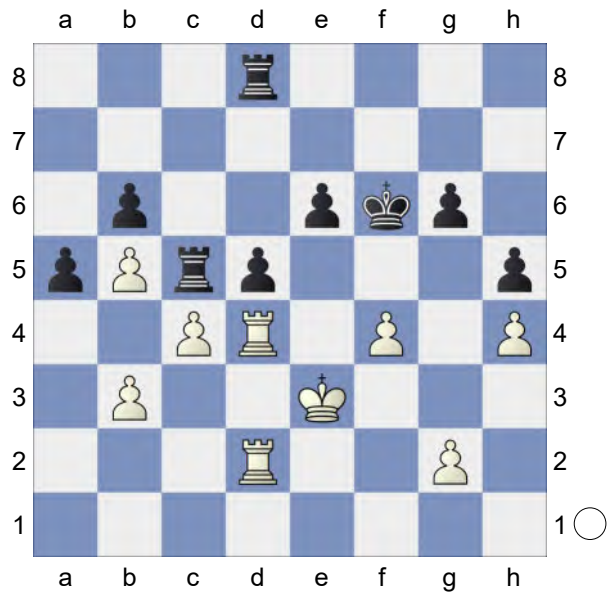
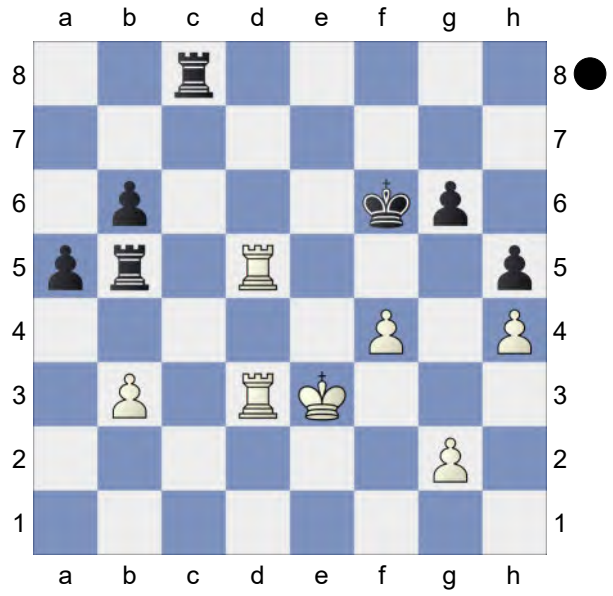
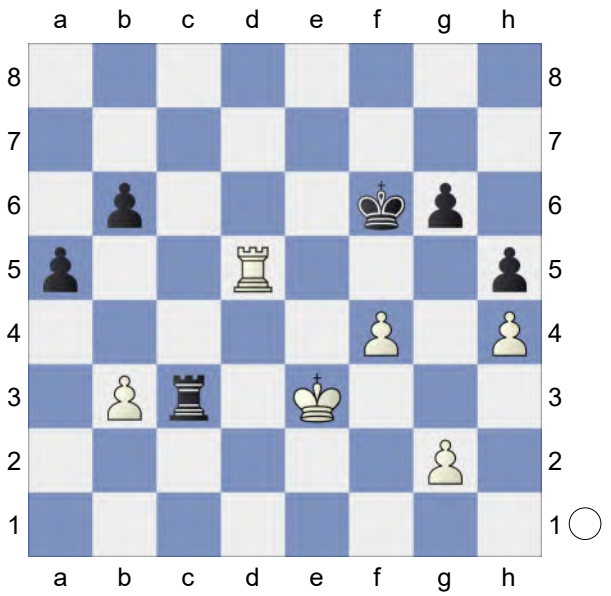


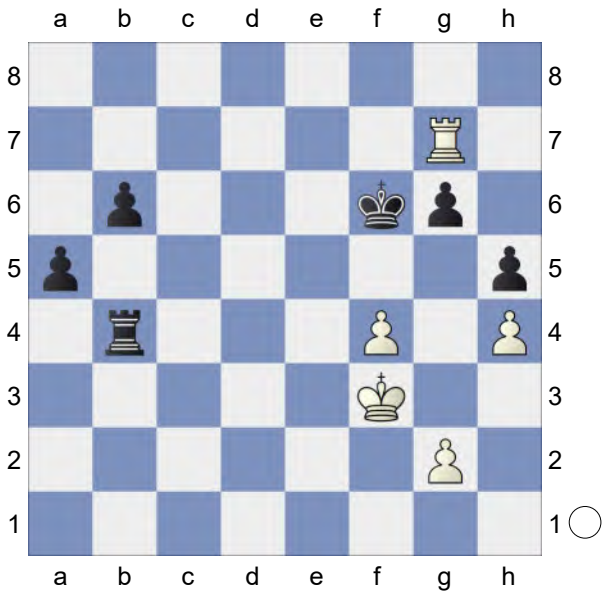
41.Rd1 Rdc8 42.cxd5 -1.08/22
[42.g3∓ -0.41/23]
42...Rxb5∓ 43.R1d3 -1.56/22
[Better is 43.b4!∓ -0.60/20]
43...exd5 -0.80/20
[Black should play 43...Rxd5 -1.56/22
44.Rxd5 exd5]
44.Rxd5 -3.24/25
[44.Kd2∓ -0.80/20 was worth a try.]



Loses the game. **44...Rxd5-+ 45.Rxd5∓**
KR-KR **45...Rc3+**
(Diagram)



46.Ke4 Rxb3 47.Rd6+ Kf7 48.Rd7+ Ke6 49.Rg7 Rb4+ 50.Kf3 Kf6



51.Ra7 a4

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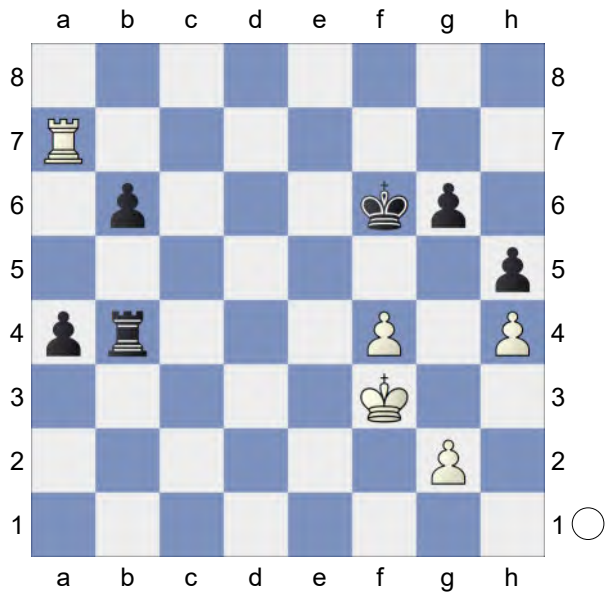

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

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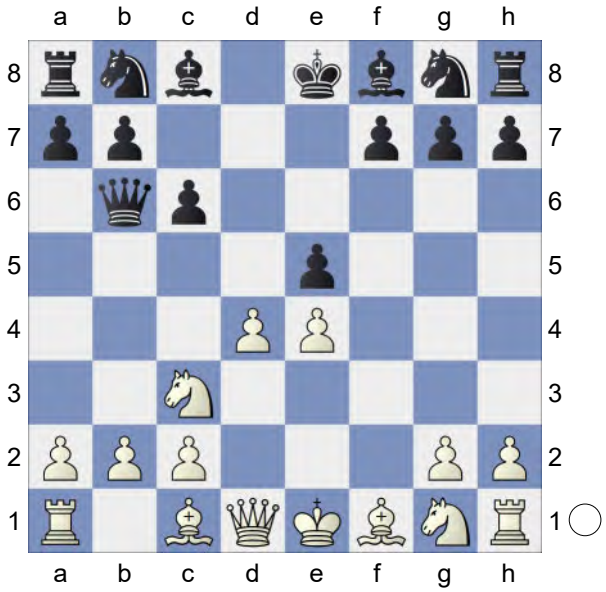
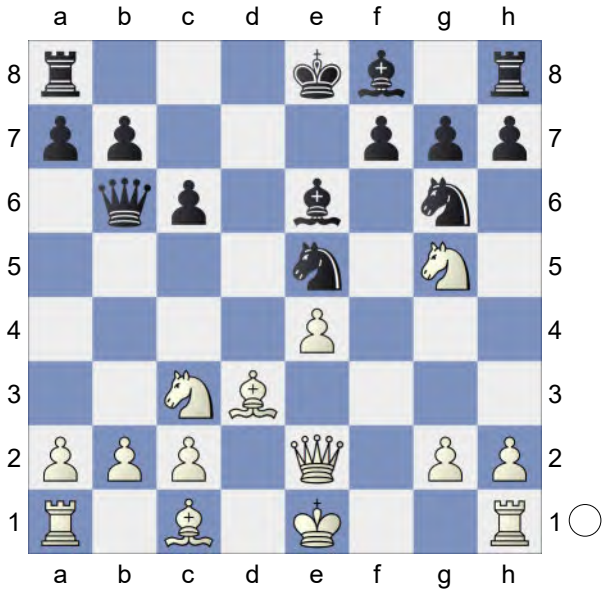
44 **B12**
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2661**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2700**
Satty Zhuldyz Blitz 2023 (21.4) 25.04.23
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.fxe4 e5



6.dxe5 Be6 6...Bc5 is vanishing. 6...Lc5 scheint zu verschwinden. **7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Ne7 9.Qe2 Ng6 10.Ng5N**
[10.Bd2 Ndxe5 11.Nd5 Nxd3+ 12.cxd3 cxd5 13.exd5 Qxb2 14.0-0 Nf4 15.Qe4 Nxd5 16.Rab1 Qa3 17.Rxb7 Nf6 18.Qc6+ Nd7 19.d4 Qd6 20.Qa4 Qd5 21.Rfb1 Bd6 22.Qa6 Be7 23.R1b5 Qe4 24.Rxd7 Bxd7 (39) Polgar,J (2686)-Ragger,M (2614) 111/(47) Aix les Bains 2011 25.Re5 Qb1+ 26.Kf2 Qb6 27.Qe2 0-0 28.Rxe7 Be6 29.Qe5 Rad8 30.a4 Qb2 31.Kg3 Qb3 32.Rxa7 Rd5 33.Qf4 g5 34.Qc7 g4 35.Rb7 Qd3 36.Rb8 gxf3 37.Rxf8+ Kxf8 38.Bh6+ Ke8 39.Qc6+ Ke7 Levano Loayza,A (2686)-Mohandesi,S (2614) Baltic Sea tt5 B03 corr8691 1986]
10...Ndxe5



11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bc4 Nxc4N
[Predecessor: 12...0-0-0 13.Bxe6+ Kb8 14.Bb3 Bc5 15.Na4 Bb4+ -0.10/23 *(15...Bf2+!∓* -1.32/23 *16.Kf1 Bh4)* 16.c3= Qc7 17.Bc2 -1.07/21 Wards off Nd3+ *(17.0-0±* 0.38/22 keeps the upper hand. *Bd6 18.Be3)* 17...Bd6 18.Be3 Nd7 0.05/17 0-1 (28) Narmontas,M (2411)-Ruck,R (2561) Tallinn 2016 *(* Better is *18...b5∓* -1.06/20 *19.0-0-0 bxa4 20.Bxa4 Qa5)*]
13.Qxc4 0-0-0 14.Ke2 -1.23/20
[White should play 14.a4∓ -0.53/20]
14...Bd6∓ aiming for ...Nf4+. **15.Be3** -1.63/21
[15.Rf1∓ -0.97/18]

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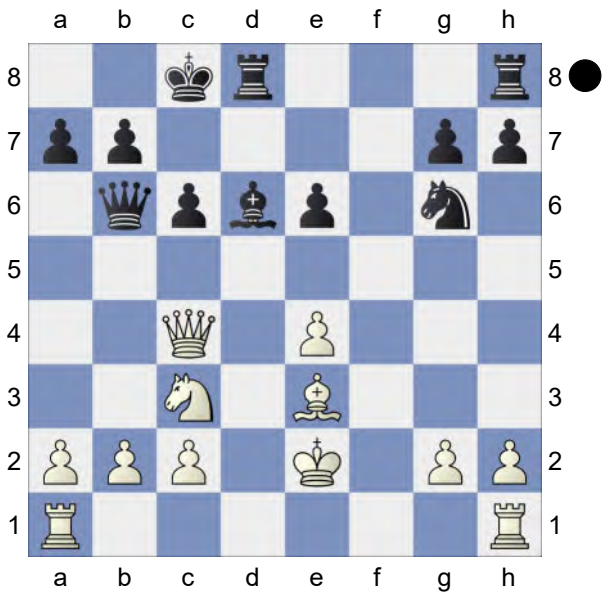
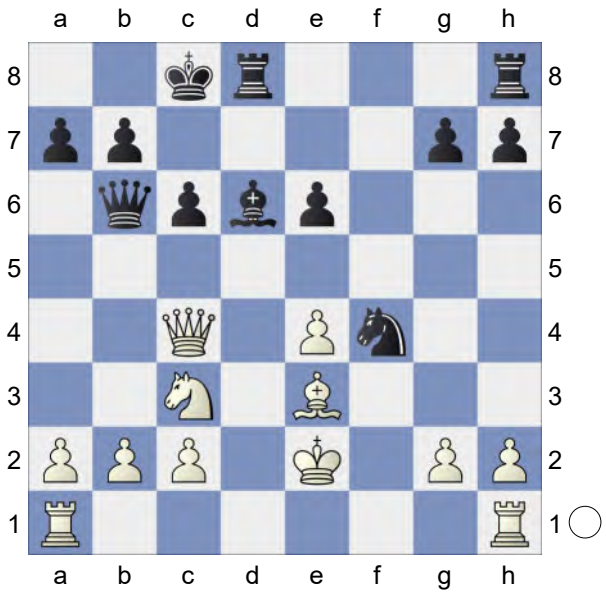


15...Nf4+!-+

[15...Qxb2 16.Qxe6+ Kc7 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.cxb3]



16.Kf3 Qc7 -0.05/18

[Black should try 16...Qa5∓ -1.38/21 17.e5 *(17.Bxf4? Qh5+* Deflection *18.Kf2 Bxf4-+)* 17...Qxe5 18.Bxf4 *(18.Qxf4?* is the wrong capture. *Rhf8-+* Pin *)* 18...Qh5+ 19.Kg3 *(19.Kf2? Bxf4 20.Ne2 Rd2-+)* 19...Qg5+ 20.Kf3 Rhf8]

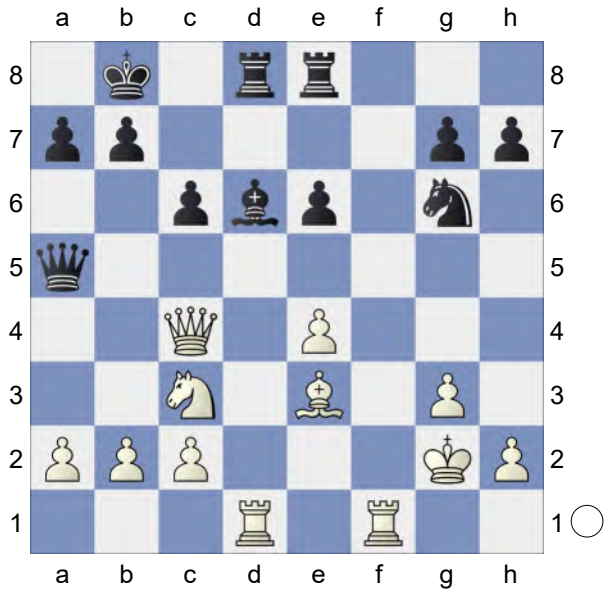
17.g3!=

[17.Bxa7? too greedy. b5 18.Nxb5 cxb5 19.Qxc7+ Bxc7-+]

[Much worse is 17.e5 Bxe5 18.Bxf4 Bxf4-+]

17...Ng6 18.Kg2 Active counter play!

18...Kb8 19.Rad1 Rhe8 20.Rhf1 Qa5



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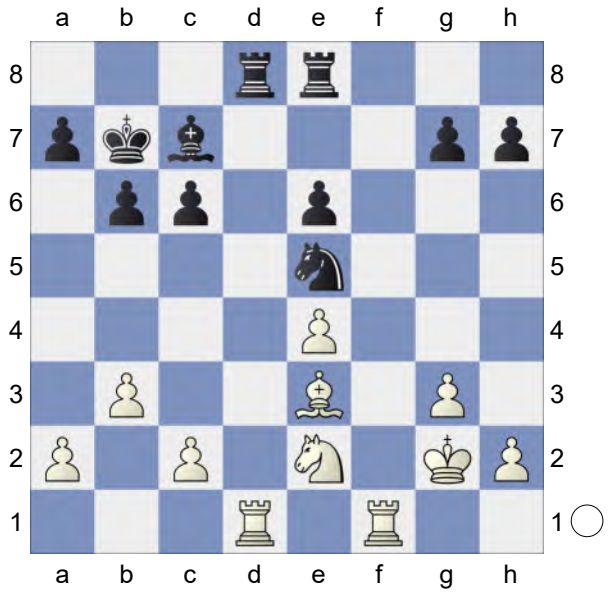
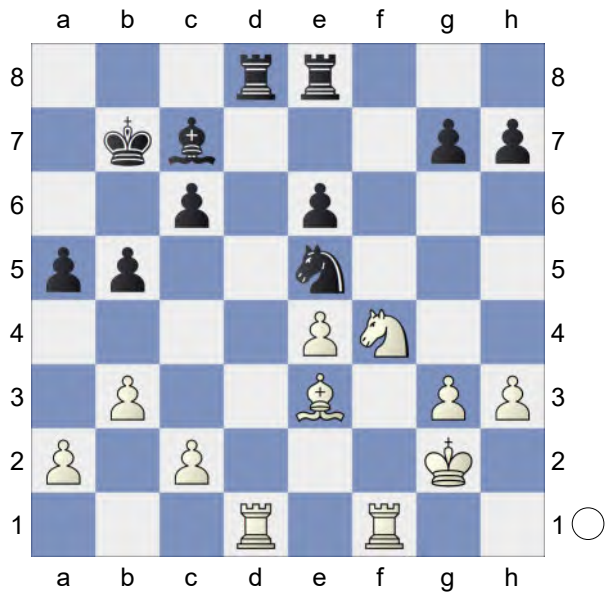


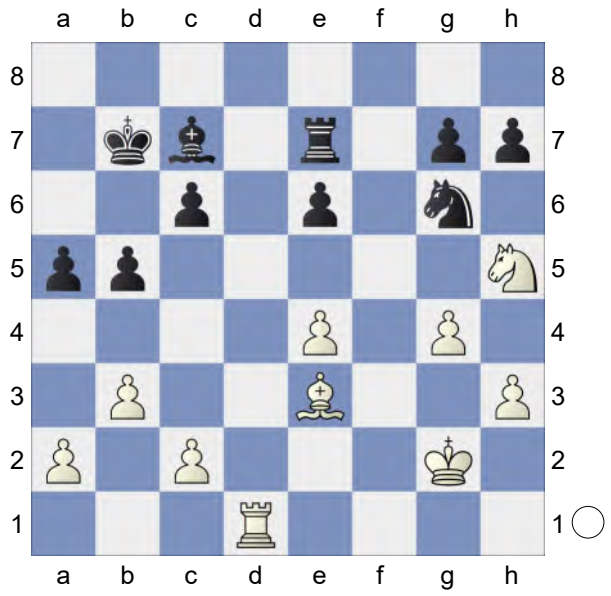
26.h3 a5 27.Nf4 b5 0.97/24

[27...Rxd1= 0.01/20 28.Rxd1 c5]

(Diagram)

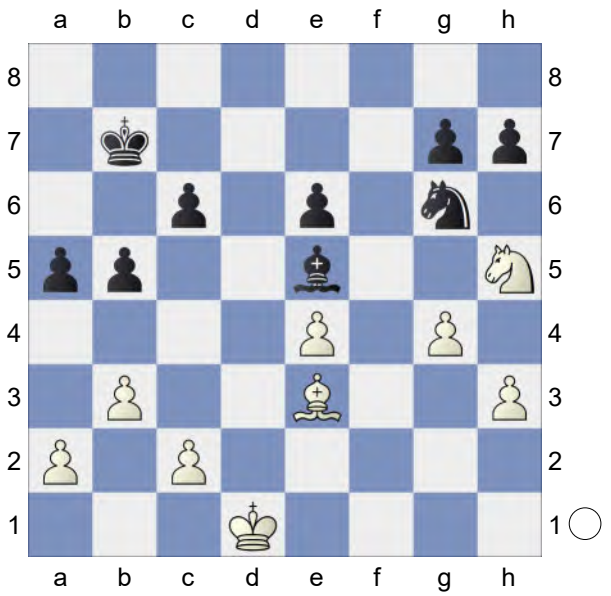


28.Nh5 0.30/23
[28.Rxd8!± 0.97/24 Bxd8 29.Nh5]
28...Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Re7 30.g4 Ng6

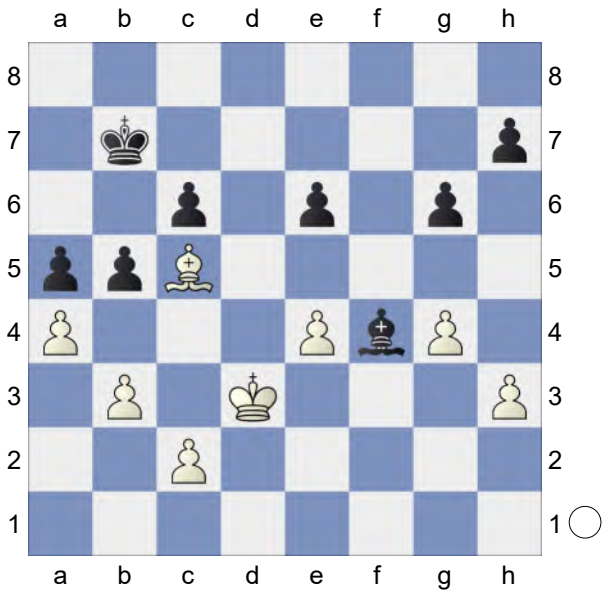


31.Rf1 Rd7 32.Kf3 Bb6 And now ... Rf7+ would win. **33.Ke2 Bc7 34.Rd1 Rxd1 35.Kxd1** Endgame. KBN-KBN **35...Be5**

(Diagram)



36.Ke2 Nf8 37.Kd3 White wants to play Bd4. **37...Nd7 38.Nf4 Nc5+** Deflection **39.Bxc5 Bxf4±** KB-KB **40.a4 g6**



41.Kd4 Bh2 ...Bg1+ would now be deadly. **42.Be7 Ka6?** 3.85/26
[42...e5+± 0.44/25 43.Kd3 Kc7]
43.Kc5+- bxa4 44.bxa4 Bd6! is the strong threat. **44...Kb7 45.Bd8 Bg1+?** 6.46/27
[45...Bf4 2.99/26 46.Bxa5 Bg3]

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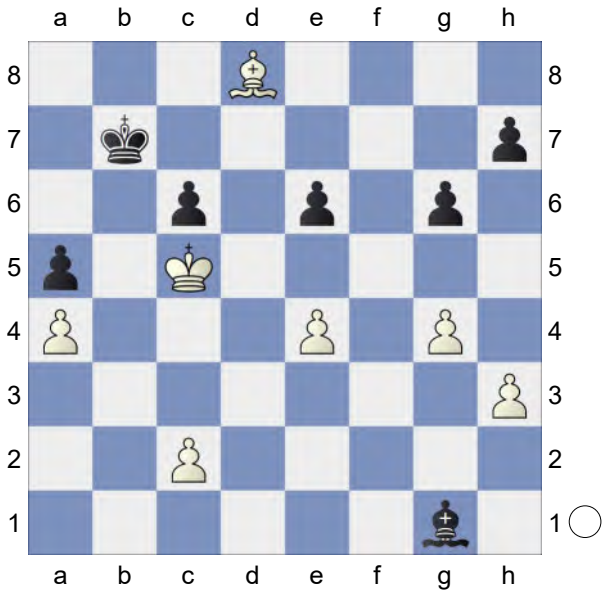
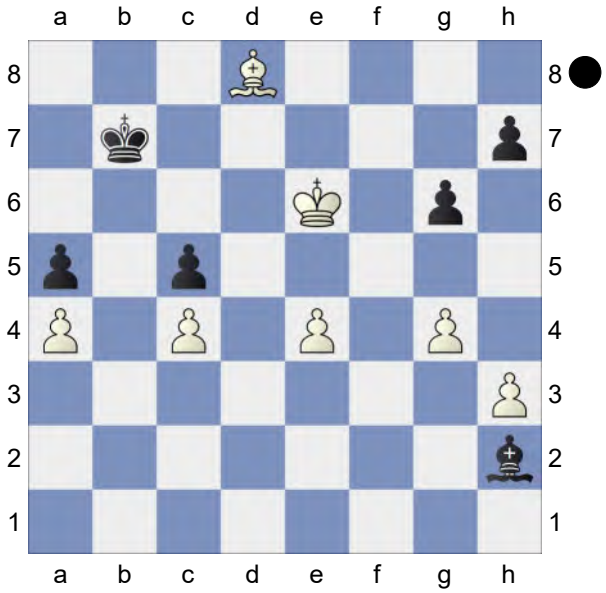


46.Kd6 White is clearly winning.
46...Bh2+ 47.Kxe6 c5 48.c4



White used his chance.
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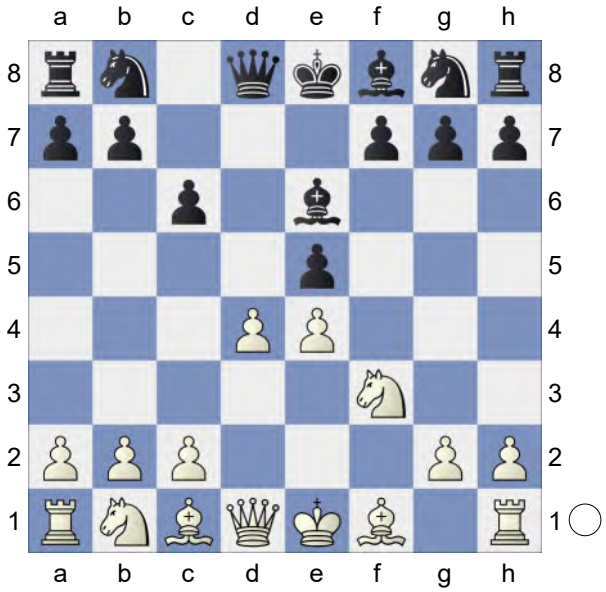
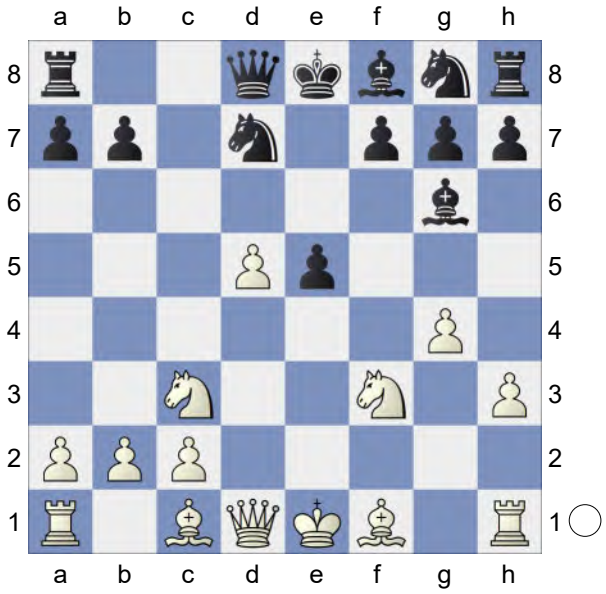
45 **B12**
□ **Seanser** **2884**
■ **Protagonist98** **2668**
Blitz 05.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Be6



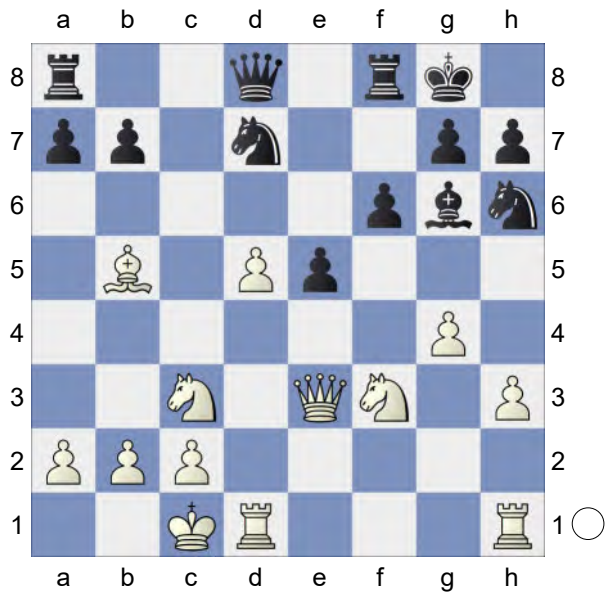
6.Nc3N
[6.Nbd2 Nf6 *(6...exd4 7.Bc4 Bxc4 8.Nxc4 Bc5 9.0-0 Qe7 10.e5 Nd7 11.Bg5 Qe6 12.Nd6+ Bxd6 13.exd6 Qxd6 14.Nxd4 f6 15.Bf4 Ne5 16.Nf5 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 g6 18.Nd6+ Ke7 19.Nxb7 a5 20.Nc5* 3…g6 2020*)* 7.Bc4 Bxc4 8.Nxc4 exd4 9.0-0 Be7 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nxd4 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3... dxe4 Sidelines: 4...e5 /]
[6.c3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Ngf6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Kh1 *(9.Qe2 Qe7 10.c4 Bg4 11.d5 Bc5+ 12.Kh1 Bd4* B 12/06 2001 *)* 9...0-0 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Nbd2 Rae8 12.Qe1 h6 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bg1 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Qe2 3...g6-N,N _2486 2022]

6...Nd7 7.d5 cxd5 8.exd5 White has an edge. **8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6**

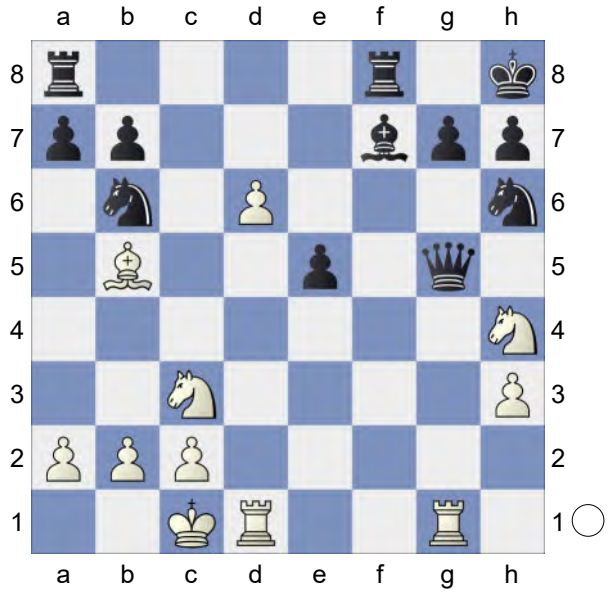


11.Bb5 Bc5 0.90/18
[11...f6= 0.28/17]
12.Qe2 0.39/20
[12.Nxe5 Qh4+ 13.Kd2 Qg5+ 14.Ke2 Qxe5+-+]
[12.Bxd7+± 0.90/18 Qxd7 13.Nxe5]
12...f6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Nh6 1.06/18
[14...a6± 0.59/21 should be considered. 15.Bxd7+ Qxd7]
15.0-0-0± Black must now prevent Nxe5!
15...0-0

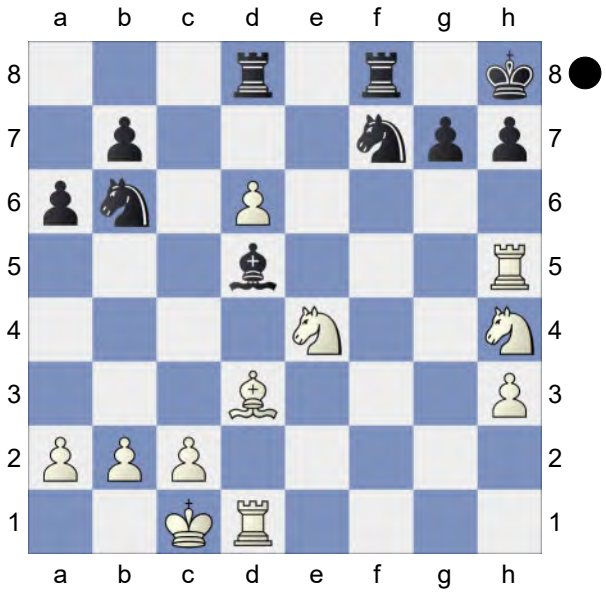
(Diagram)



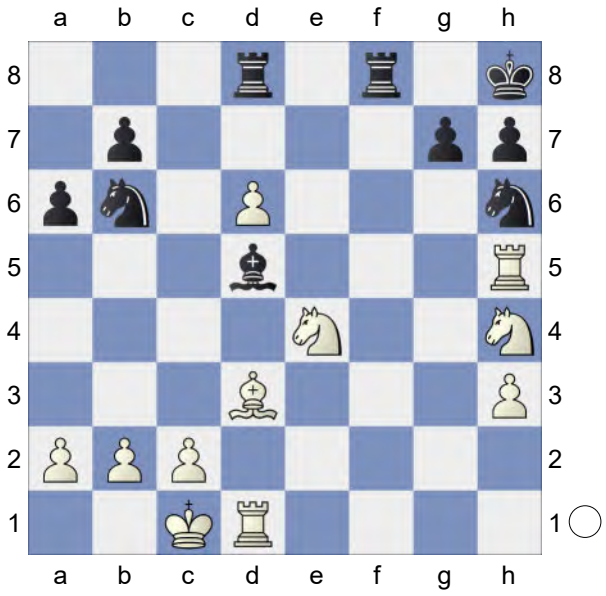
16.d6 Nb6 1.42/18
[Black should try 16...Qb6 1.06/18 17.Qxb6 Nxb6]
17.Nh4 White has more active pieces.
17...Bf7 1.72/19
[17...Be8± 1.27/17 was worth a try. 18.a4 Nf7]
18.Rhg1+- Kh8 1.99/18
[18...Be6± 1.45/19 19.g5 fxg5]
19.g5 fxg5 20.Qxg5 0.96/19
[20.Rxg5+- 2.05/19 is more deadly. Bc4 21.Qxe5]
20...Qxg5+±



21.Rxg5 a6 22.Bd3 Rad8 23.Ne4 0.56/18
[23.Be4± 1.04/20]
23...Bd5 1.27/20
[Better is 23...Nc8± 0.56/18]
24.Rxe5 Nf7 2.15/22 Repels Ng5
[24...g6± 1.31/20 might work better. 25.Re7 Nf7]
25.Rh5+-

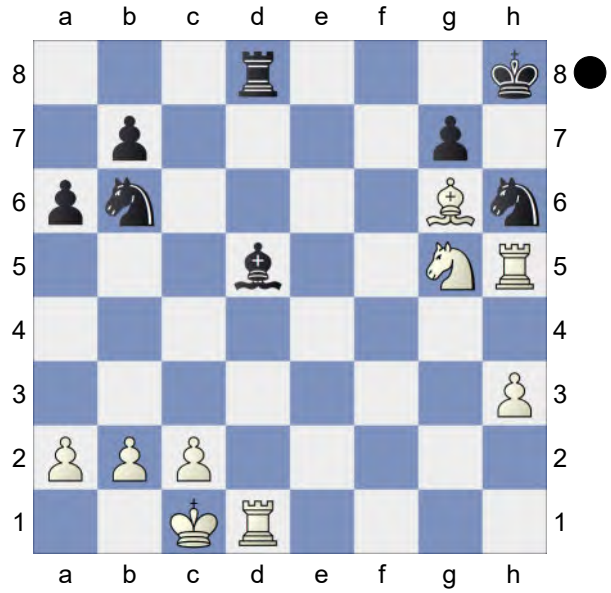


White threatens Ng6+ and mate.
25...Nh6



26.Ng5 Rxd6? 5.11/22
[26...Bg8± 1.50/22 is more resistant.]

27.Bxh7 Rfd8 7.05/24
[⌓27...Rff6 4.98/20 28.b3 Bc6]
28.Ng6+ Rxg6 29.Bxg6



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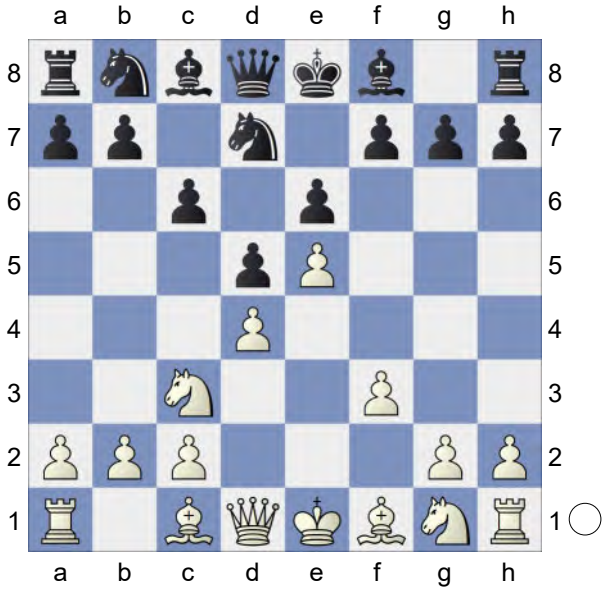
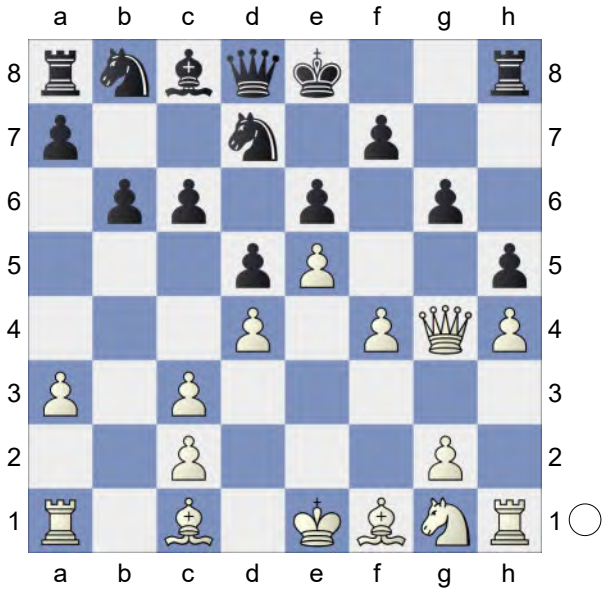
46 **B12**
□ **Seanser** **2898**
■ **Amirbagheri78** **2644**
Blitz 05.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5
[5.Be3 Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 1-0 (34) 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7.e3 _52523 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)]
5...Nfd7

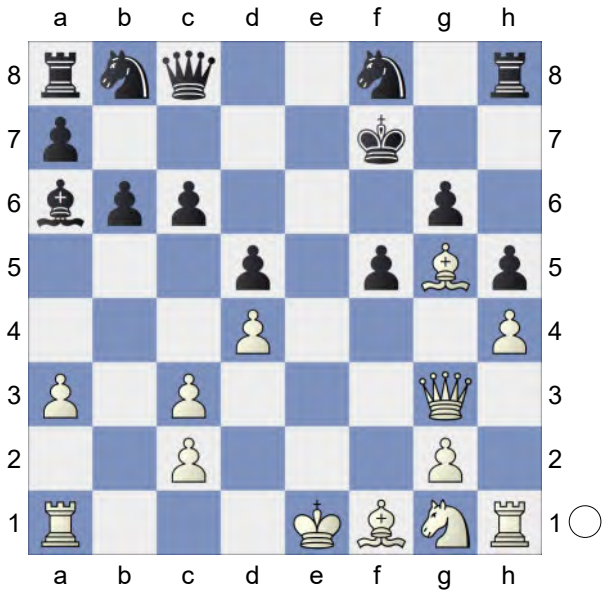


6.f4 Bb4N
[6...c5 7.Nf3
A) 7...Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4 *(8...a6 9.a3 Rb8 10.Qd2 Be7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.Bd3 b5 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Ne2 0-0 18.c3 Bd7 19.a4 Qe8 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Ned4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 f5 23.a5 _ - _ (65) Curtis,R (2341)-9.* ♗h4 d5 10.e3 ♘bd7 _69281 (2520) Copenhagen 1999 (3)*)* 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8);
B) 7...b6 8.Be3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ne2 g6 12.c3 h5 13.Qd3 Qc8 14.Rac1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qb7 16.a3 Kf8 17.Rc3 Kg7 18.f5 exf5 19.Ng5 Nf8 20.Rxf5 f6 21.exf6+ 1-0 (28) Laasanen,H (2386)-6.c3 ♗f5 7.♘f3 e6 8.g3 î (2023) Commonwealth-ch 2022]
7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 White is slightly better. **8...b6 9.Qg4 g6 10.h4** Black is weak on the dark squares **10...h5**



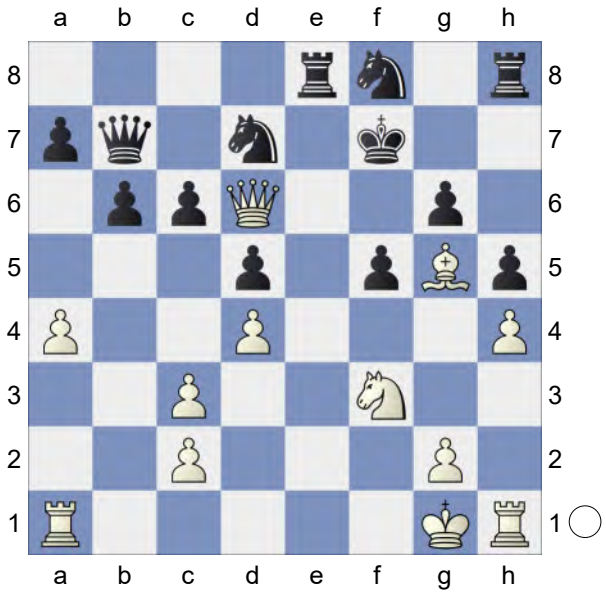
11.Qg3 Ba6 12.f5 exf5 13.Bg5 Qc8 14.e6 Nf8 1.55/22
[14...fxe6± 0.58/22 15.Bxa6 *(15.Qd6 Kf7=)* 15...Nxa6]

15.exf7+ Kxf7

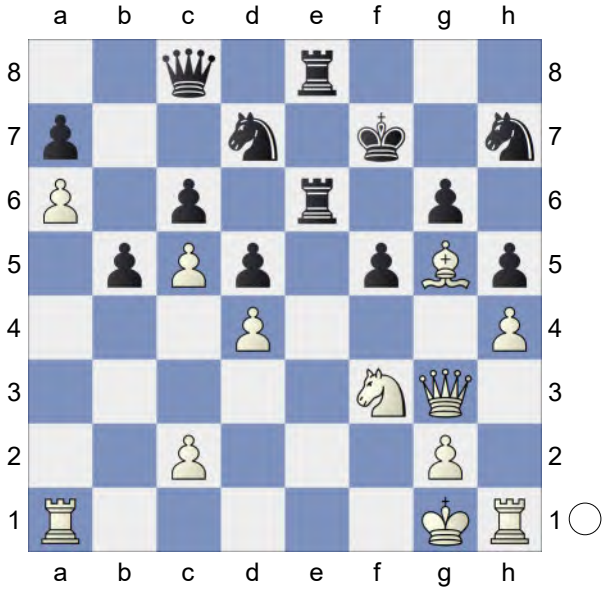


16.Nf3 Black must now prevent Bxa6.
16...Nbd7 1.56/21
[Black should try 16...Rh7 1.02/19]
17.Qd6 0.51/19
[Better is 17.Bxa6± 1.56/21 Qxa6 18.Kf2]
17...Bxf1 1.20/22
[17...Bb7± 0.51/19]
18.Kxf1± aiming for Re1.
[18.Rxf1 Kg8+-]
18...Qa6+ 1.75/24
[18...Kg8± 1.34/18 19.Re1 Rh7]
19.Kg1 1.35/22
[19.Kf2+- 1.75/24 Rae1! is the strong threat. Rh7 *(19...Re8? 20.Rhe1+-)* 20.Rhe1 *(20.Qxc6 Rc8+-)*]
19...Re8 Dodges Re1 **20.a4** 0.01/20
[Don't take 20.Qxc6?! Qc8 21.Qxd5+ Kg7±]
[20.Kh2± 1.43/21]
20...Qb7 0.84/22
[20...Re6!= 0.01/20 21.Qc7 Kg8]

(Diagram)



21.a5 -0.12/21
[21.Re1!± 0.84/22 Strongly threatening Rxe8. Re4 22.Kf2]
21...Re6= 22.a6 -0.60/23
[22.Qa3= -0.01/20]
22...Qc8∓ Chess con chili. **23.Qg3 Nh7 24.c4** -1.03/19 **Rhe8 25.c5 b5**



26.Kh2 Re4 27.Rhf1 -1.66/21
[27.Bf4∓ -0.74/20 keeps fighting.]

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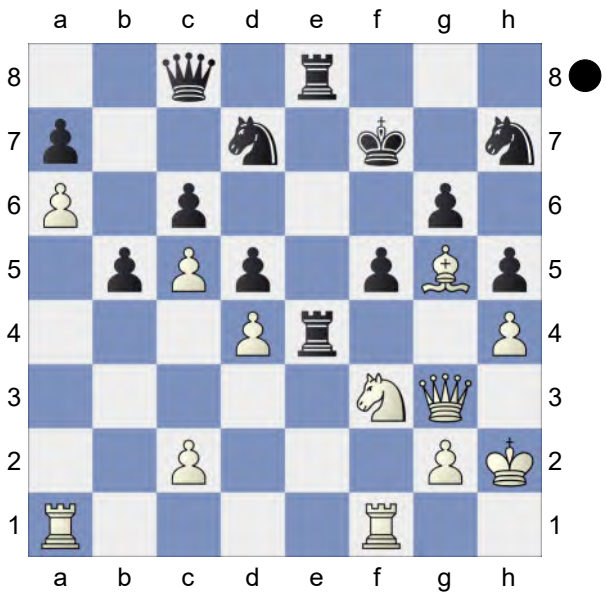
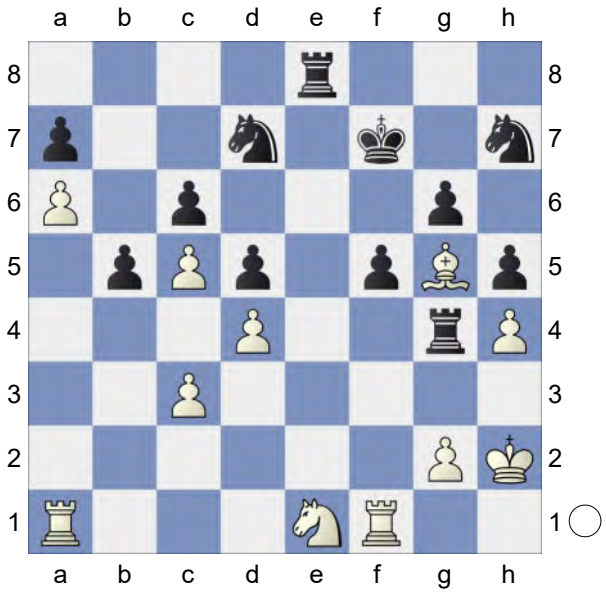
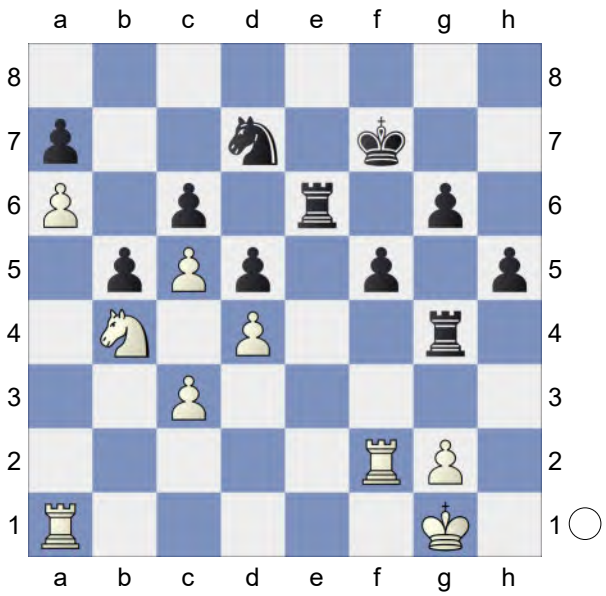


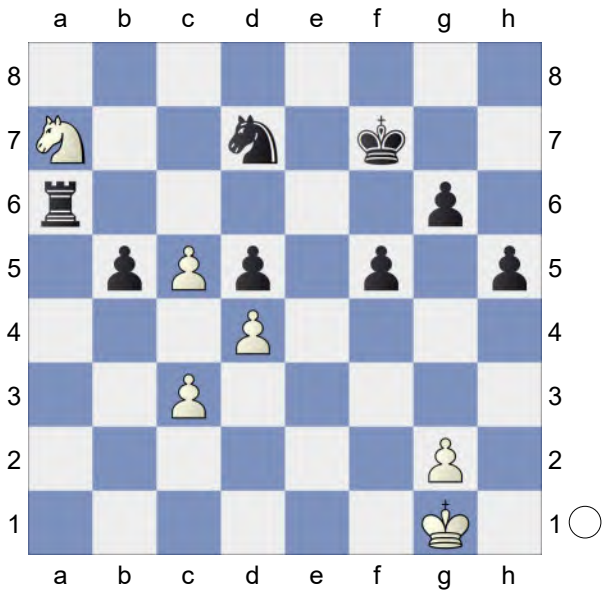
27...Qb8 -0.71/18
[27...Rg4!-+ -1.66/21 28.Qh3 Nxg5 29.hxg5 Qb8+ 30.Kh1 Re6]
28.Qxb8 Rxb8 29.c3 Rbe8 30.Ne1 -2.20/24
[30.Kg1∓ -0.95/20]
30...Rg4



31.Nd3 Nxg5 32.hxg5 Rxg5 33.Rf2? -3.35/22
[33.Rae1 -1.75/22]
33...Re4 34.Nb4 Re6 35.Kg1 -3.50/22
[⌓35.Rb2 -2.46/20]
35...Rg4



36.Raa2 Rge4 37.Rae2? -9.44/21
[37.Rf3 -3.53/23]
37...Rxe2-+ 38.Rxe2 Rxe2 39.Nxc6 Ra2 40.Nxa7 Rxa6



41.Nxb5 Nb8 42.Nc7 Ra1+ 43.Kf2 Ra2+ 44.Kf3 Nc6 45.Nxd5 Ra3

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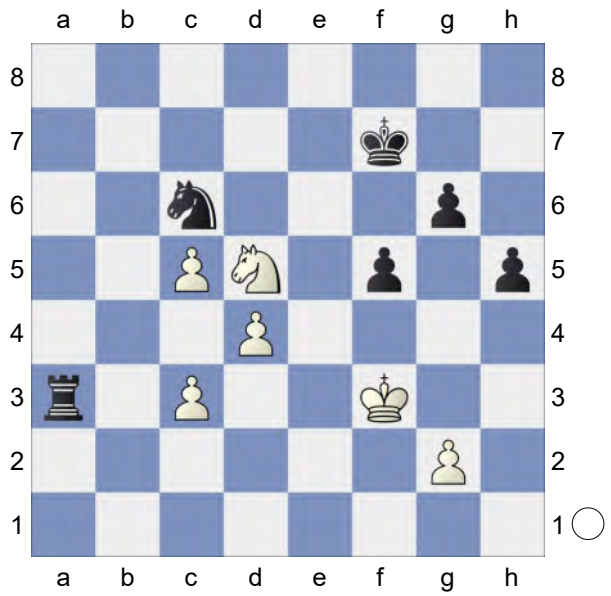
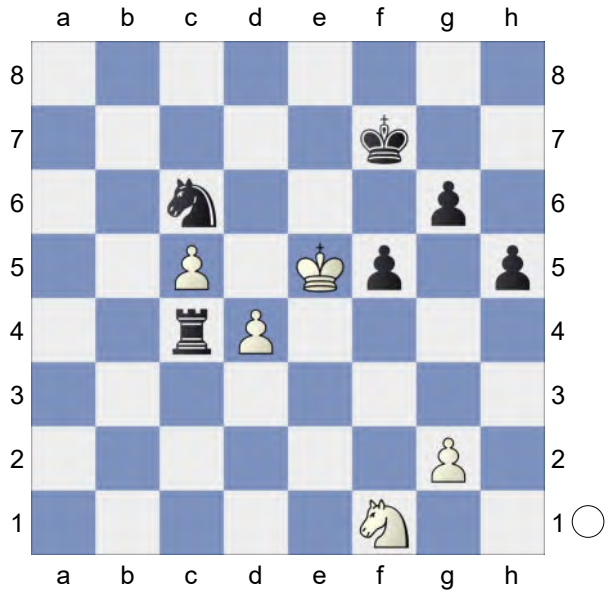


46.Kf4 Ne7 47.Ne3 Rxc3 48.Nf1 Rc4
-10.46/20
[⌓48...Kf6 -#11/21 49.Ne3 g5+ 50.Kf3 f4 Pin 51.c6 Nxc6 *(51...Rxe3+* gets mated. *52.Kf2 Nxc6 53.g3 Nxd4 54.gxf4 Re2+ 55.Kg1 g4 56.f5 g3 57.Kh1 Rh2+ 58.Kg1 Nf3+ 59.Kf1 Rf2#)* 52.d5 Rxe3+ 53.Kf2 g4 54.Kf1 g3 55.dxc6 Ke6 56.c7 Kd7 57.c8R Kxc8 58.Kg1 Re1#]
49.Ke5 Nc6+



Black used his chance.

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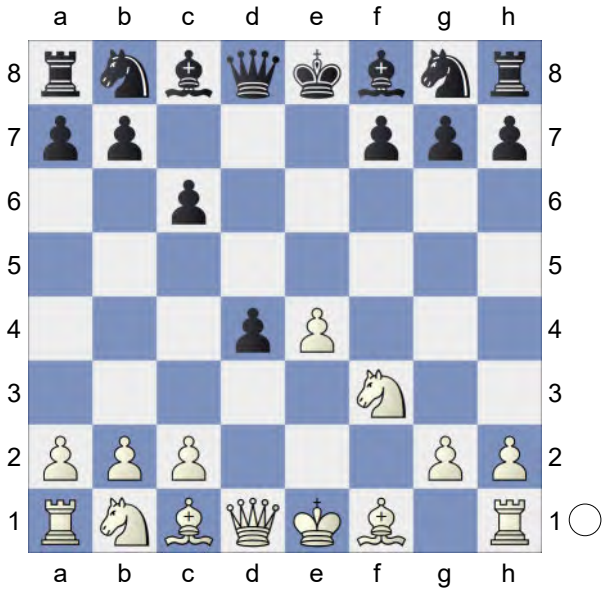
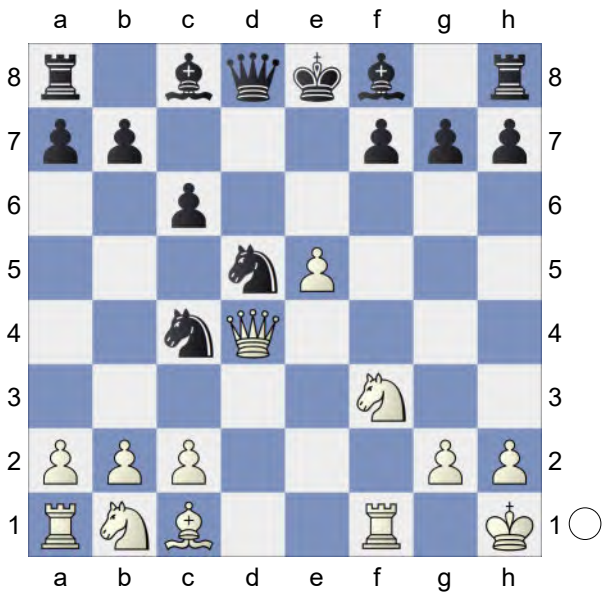
47 **B12**
□ **Caru0** **2850**
■ **Defenceboy1** **2924**
Blitz 24.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4

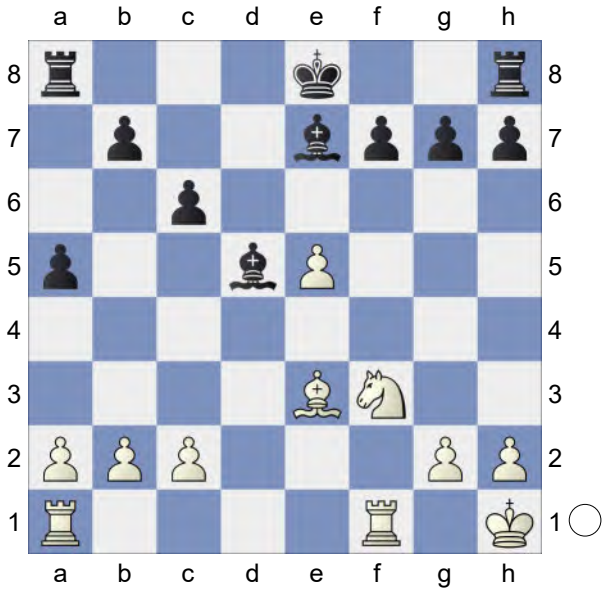


6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 Threatens to win with Ng5! **7...Ngf6 8.e5** Prevents Bd6.
[8.Qe1!? Qc7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ng5 Bc5 11.Bxd5 cxd5 12.Bf4 0-0 13.e6 Qb6 14.exf7+ Kh8 15.Nxh7 d3+ 16.Kh1 Rxf7 17.Ng5 Rf5 18.Nd2 Nf8 19.g4 Rxg5 20.Bxg5 1-0 9.♕f3 e6 10.b3 (2320)-Martins,E (2354) B) 5...Bxf3?!]
8...Nd5 The position is equal. **9.Kh1N**
[9.Nxd4 Nxe5 10.Qh5 Ng6 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 cxd5]
[9.Bxd5 cxd5 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.Nb3 0-0 12.Nbxd4 Nc5 13.Be3 3...♗g4-N,N Survey 1995]
9...N7b6 10.Qxd4 Nxc4

(Diagram)

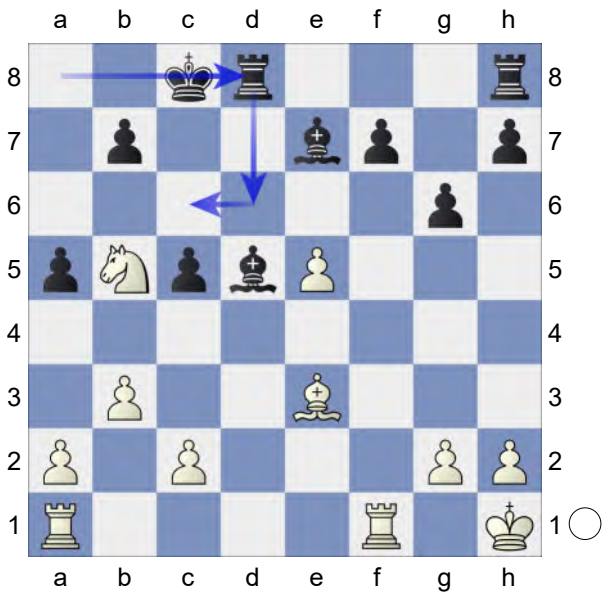


11.Qxc4 Be7 Repels Ng5 **12.Nc3 Be6 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Bxd5 15.Be3 a5**

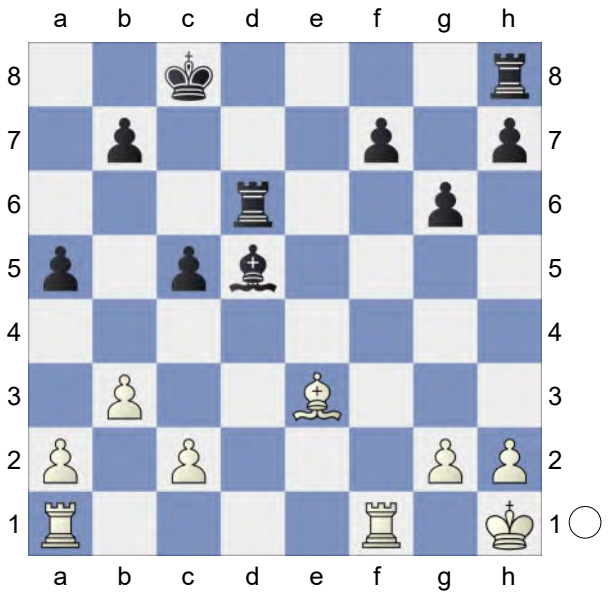


16.Nd4 g6 -0.32/19 Inhibits Nf5.
[16...0-0∓ -0.74/19 17.b3 Rfe8]
17.b3∓ c5 18.Nb5 0-0-0

(Diagram)



Repels Nc7 **19.Nd6+** -0.37/22 **Bxd6 20.exd6 Rxd6**



21.Bxc5 Rc6 22.Bd4 Rd8 23.c3 f5 24.Kg1 Be4 25.a4 Kd7

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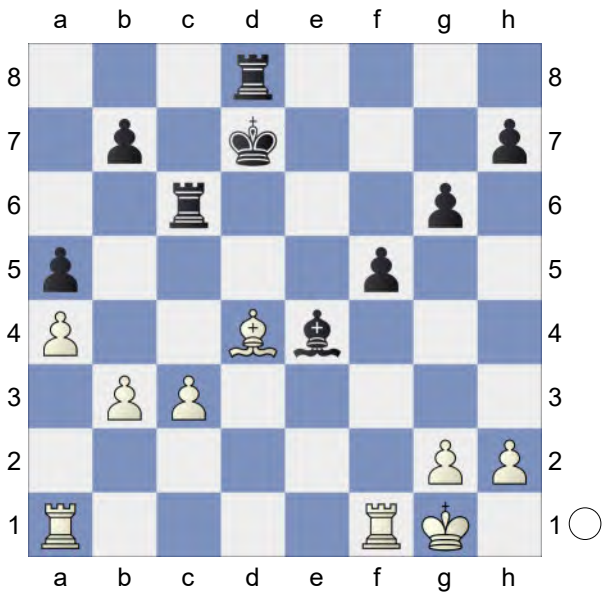
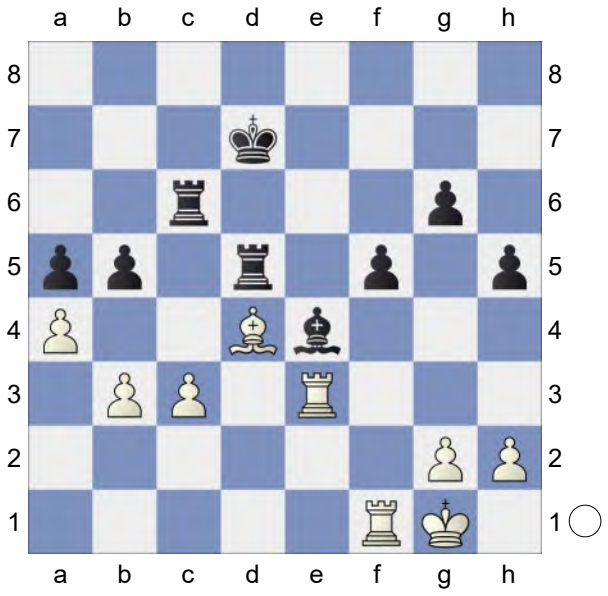


26.Rae1 Ke6 -0.01/18
[26...h5∓ -0.44/18]
27.Re3= Rd5 28.Rh3 h5 29.Rg3 Kd7 30.Re3 -0.44/20
[30.h4= -0.08/21]
30...b5

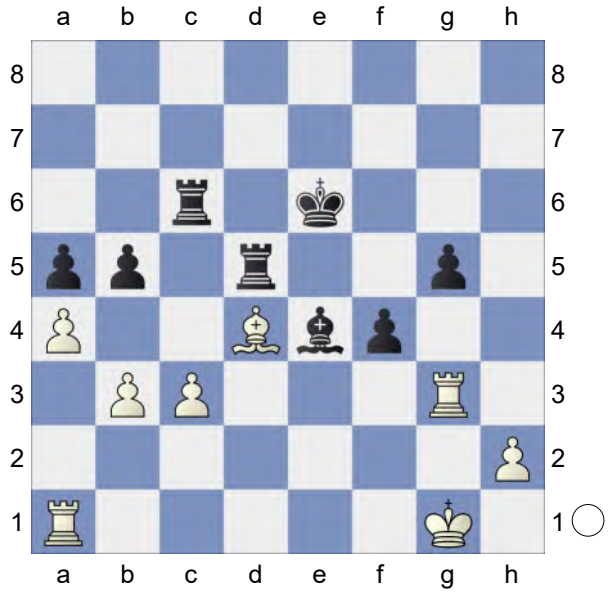


31.Ra1 h4 0.01/20
[31...b4∓ -0.39/21 is superior.]
32.Rh3 -0.96/22
[32.axb5= 0.01/20 Rxb5 33.c4]
32...g5 -0.55/21 Black is more active.
[32...b4∓ -0.96/22 33.Re3 g5]
33.Re3 Ke6 -0.01/22

[33...b4∓ -0.87/21 aiming for ...bxc3. 34.h3 Ke7]

34.g4 gxf5+ is the strong threat.

34...hxg3 35.Rxg3 f4



36.Rh3 -1.09/20

[Better is 36.axb5∓ -0.56/22 Rxb5 37.c4 fxg3 38.cxb5]

36...Kf5∓ 37.Rh8? -3.47/21 Loses the game.

[37.axb5∓ -1.05/21 only move. Rxb5 38.c4]

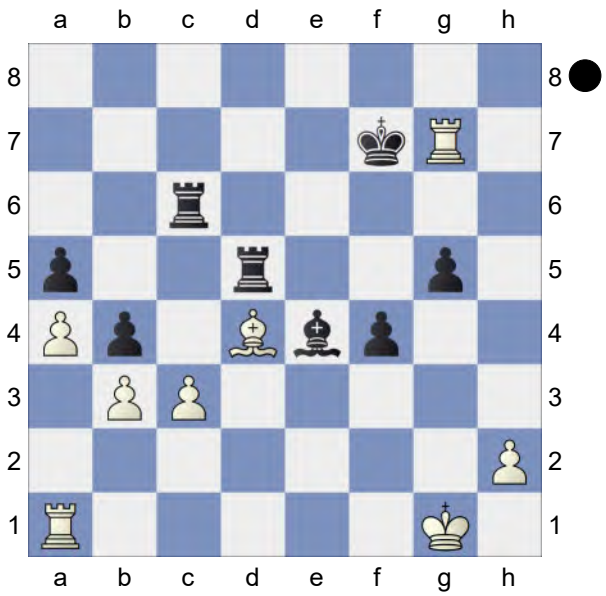
37...b4-+ 38.Rf8+ Kg6 39.Rg8+? -7.37/23

[39.Re1 -3.24/21 Bc2 40.Rg8+ Kh5 41.Rh8+ Kg4 42.h3+ Kf3 43.Rf8]

39...Kf7 Black is clearly winning.

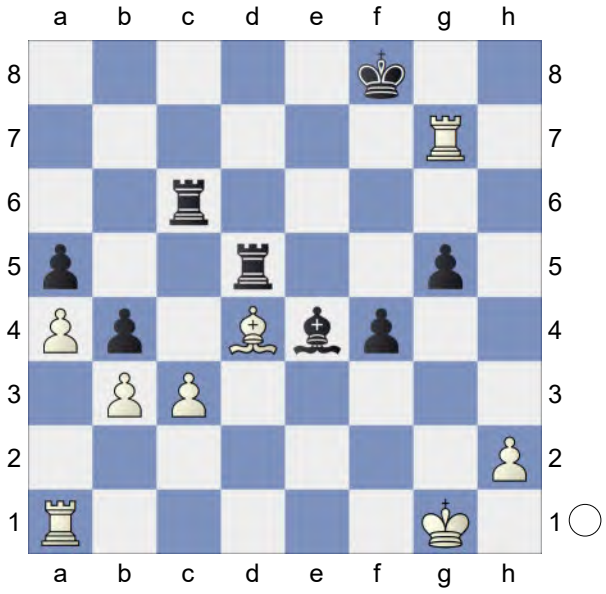
40.Rg7+

(Diagram)



Kf8!

[40...Ke6 41.Re1 Kf5 42.h4=]



41.Ra7 bxc3 42.Bg7+ Kg8 (-> ...c2)

43.Re1

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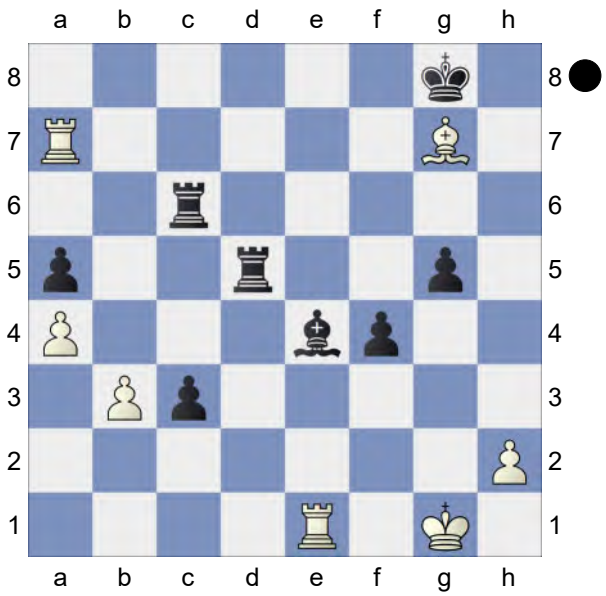
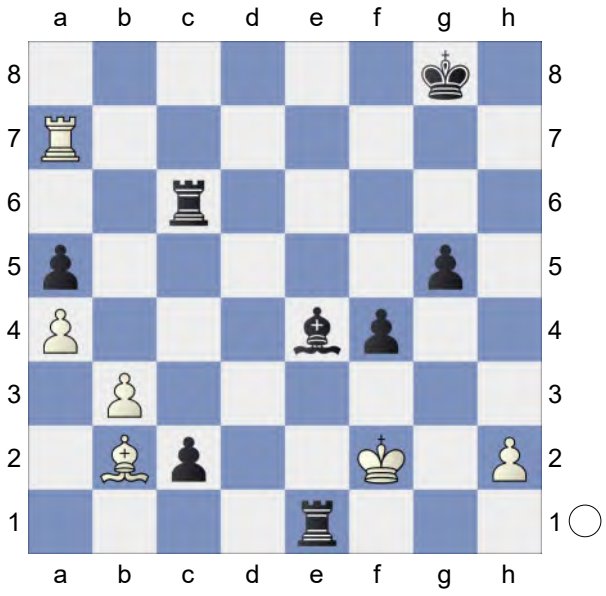


c2! 44.Bb2

[44.Re7 c1Q]

44...Rd1 45.Kf2 Rxe1

[Not 45...c1B 46.Rxe4 Be3+ *(46...Bxb2 47.Re8#; 46...Rc2+ 47.Kf3±)* 47.Rxe3 fxe3+ 48.Kxe3∓]



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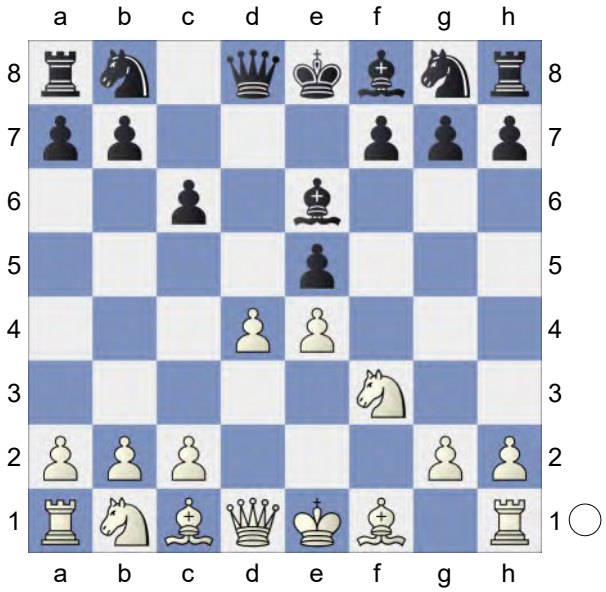
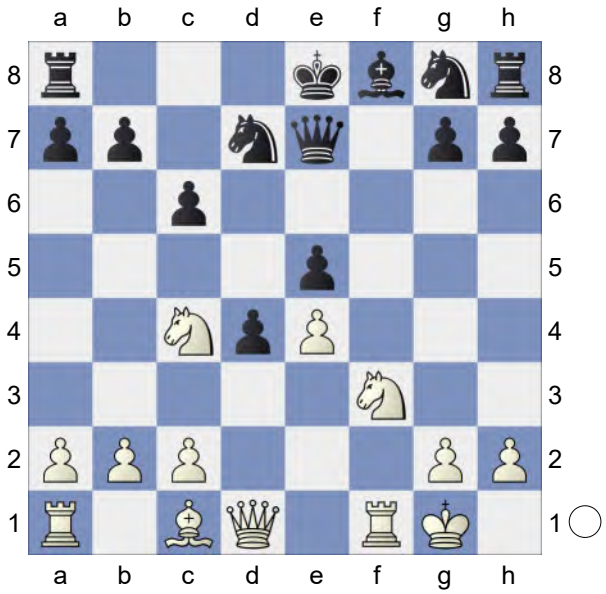
48 **B12**
□ **Totallyinsane** **2852**
■ **Eraschenkov** **2703**
Blitz 07.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

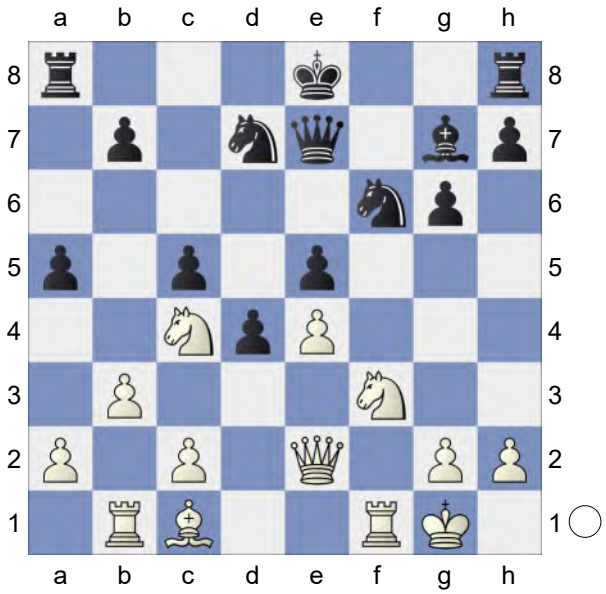
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Inf 43/(155) **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Be6**



6.Nbd2
[6.c3 Nf6 7.Nxe5 Nxe4 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Bd3 Geenen,M (2255)-Garcia Palermo,C (2515) Bruxelles II 1986]
6...Nd7
[6...exd4 7.Bc4 Bxc4 8.Nxc4 Bc5 9.0-0 Qe7 10.e5 Nd7 11.Bg5 Qe6 12.Nd6+ Bxd6 13.exd6 Qxd6 14.Nxd4 f6 15.Bf4 Ne5 16.Nf5 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 g6 18.Nd6+ Ke7 19.Nxb7 a5 20.Nc5 3...g6 2020]
7.Bc4 exd4 8.Bxe6N The position is equal.
[8.0-0 Bc5 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 Bxb4 11.Rb1 Bc5 12.Rxb7 Bb6 13.Nc4 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 Sidelines: 4...e5 /]
8...fxe6 9.0-0 e5 10.Nc4 White has compensation. **10...Qe7**

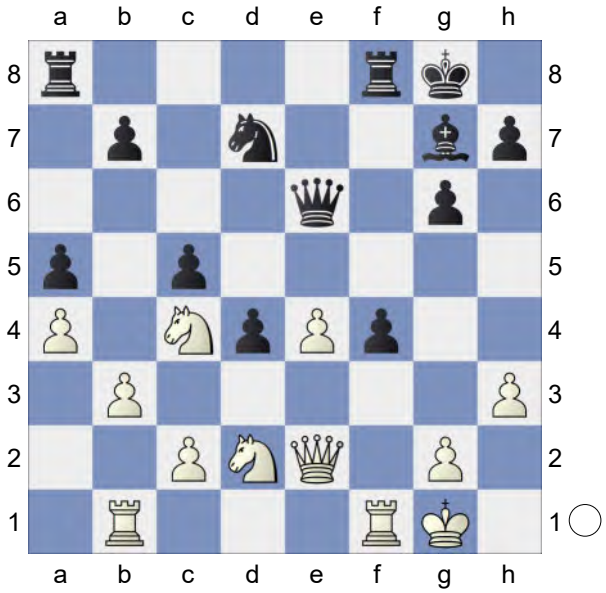


11.b3 Ngf6 12.Ba3 c5 13.Qe2 g6 0.50/17
[13...b5∓ -0.53/17 14.Ncd2 Rb8]
14.Rab1? -1.06/19
[14.c3!± 0.50/17]
14...a5 0.14/18
[14...b5!∓ -1.06/19 15.Na5 a6]
15.Bc1 -0.40/19
[15.c3= 0.14/18 b5 16.Ncxe5 Discovered Attack]
15...Bg7∓

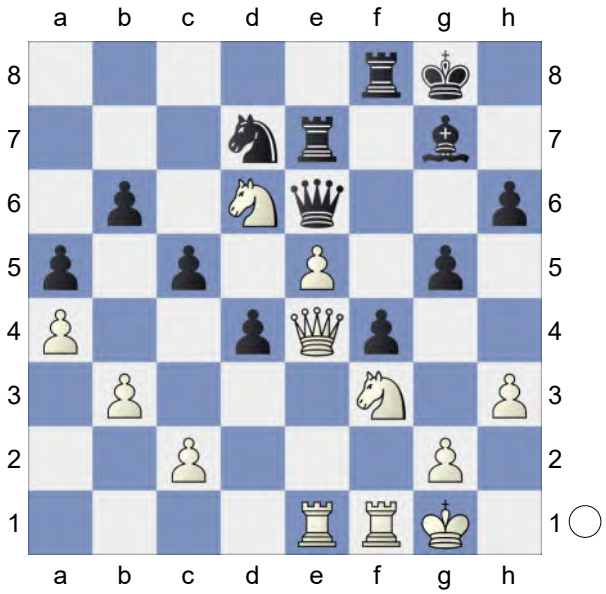


16.Bg5 0-0 17.a4 Qe6 18.h3 Nh5

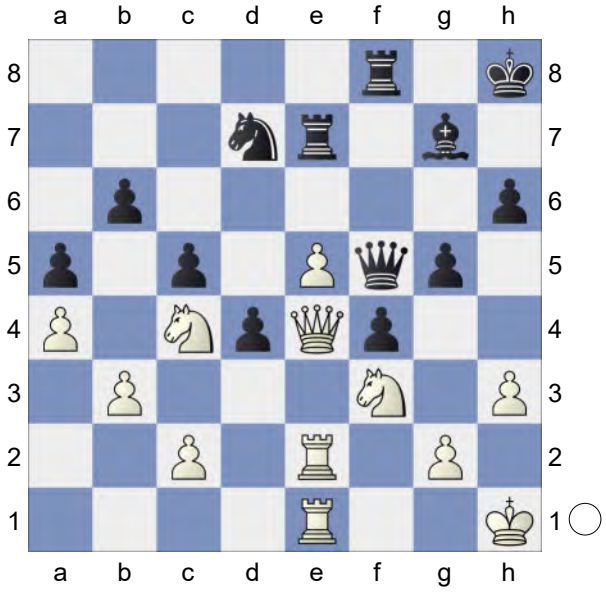
19.Nfd2 Nf4 -0.39/21
[Black should play 19...Bf6∓ -0.97/21
20.Rxf6 Ndxf6]
20.Bxf4 exf4



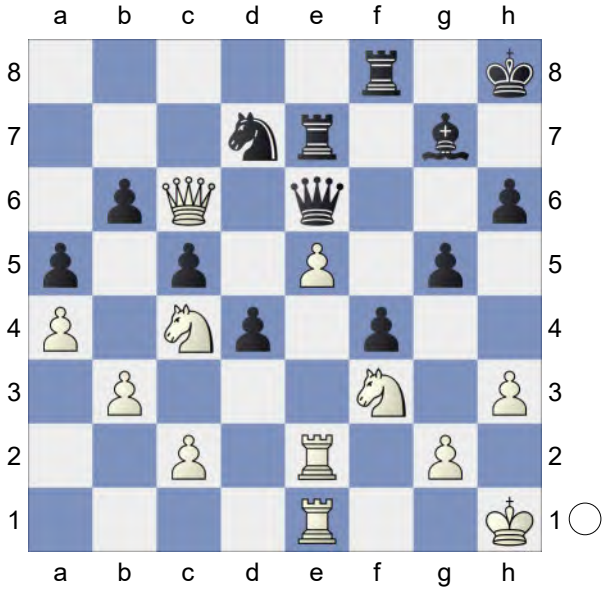
21.Nf3 h6 22.e5 b6 23.Qe4 g5 0.78/20
[23...Rae8= -0.18/21 remains equal.]
24.Rbe1 0.01/21 White is more active.
[24.c3!± 0.78/20]
24...Rae8= 25.Nd6 -0.47/22
[25.Rf2= -0.01/20]
25...Re7∓



26.Nc4 Kh8 27.Re2 Rf5 0.21/21
[27...Rfe8∓ -0.32/20]
28.Rfe1
[28.Qd3!?]
28...Rf8 29.Kh1 -0.51/19
[29.c3= 0.09/21]
29...Qf5? 2.04/22



30.Qc6? -0.01/17 **Qe6!=**



31.Qe4 Qf5? 2.11/23

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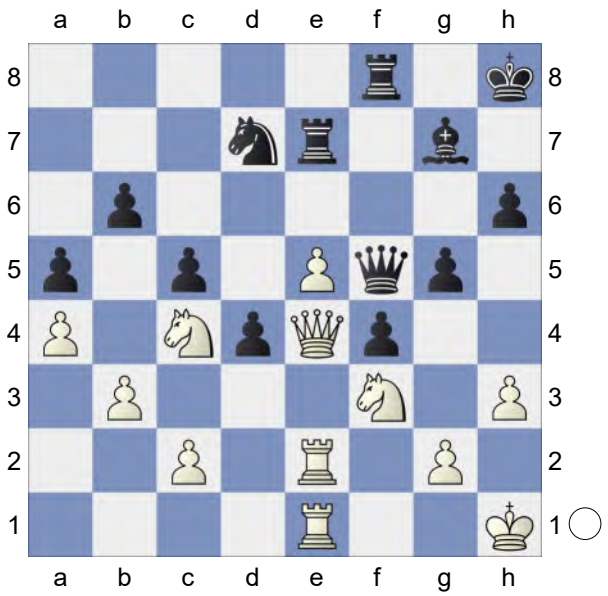
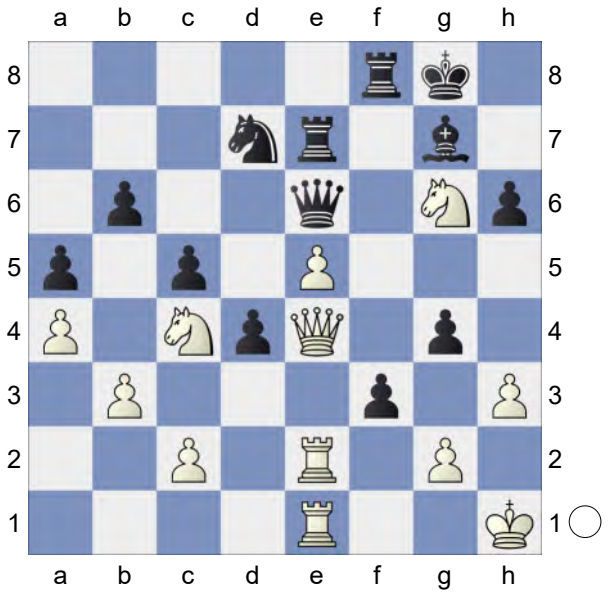


32.Qc6? -0.01/17
[White must play 32.Qxf5!+- 2.11/23 Rxf5 33.e6]
32...Qe6! 33.Qe4 g4? 1.94/22
[33...Nb8!= -0.30/19 and Black stays safe. keeps the upper hand.]
34.Nh4+- And now Ng6+ would win. Excellent horsemanship. **34...f3** 3.12/24
[⌓34...gxh3 2.03/21 35.Ng6+ Kg8]
35.Ng6+ Kg8



36.Nxe7+ Qxe7 37.gxf3 gxf3 38.Rf2

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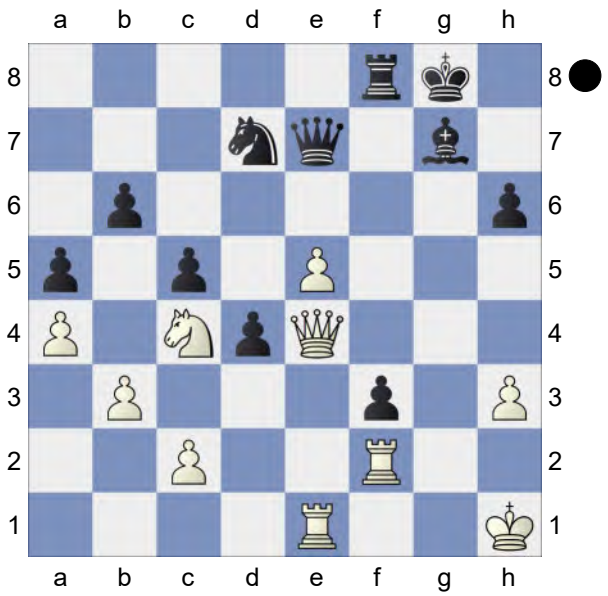

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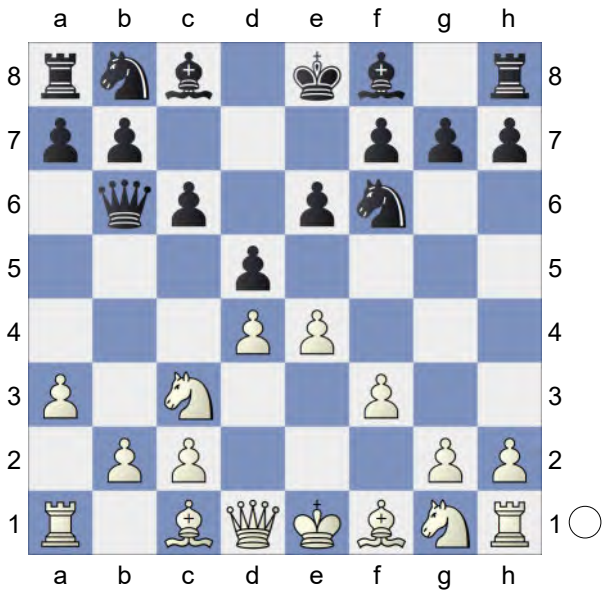
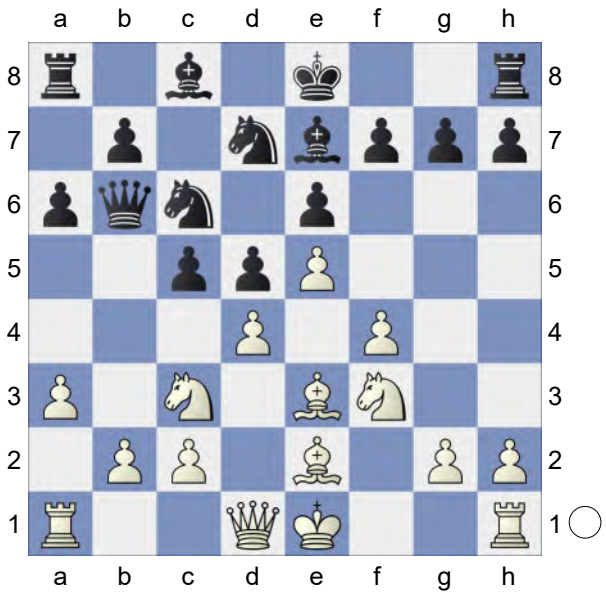
49 **B12**
□ **Benefactorr** **2879**
■ **Seojungmin** **2655**
Blitz 03.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 e6 5.a3 Nf6
[5...Be7 6.Be3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Ngf6 8.Bf2 dxe4 9.fxe4 Ng4 10.Nf3 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 e5 12.Ne2 exd4 13.e5 Qc7 14.Nexd4 Nxe5 15.Re1 Ng4+ 16.Kg1 0-0 17.h3 Nf6 18.Qd2 Bd6 19.Ne2 Be6 20.Ng5 0-1 (40) 3.♘f3 ♗b4 4.♗d2 ♕e7 5,g (2604)-Mladenov, P (2674) (m/6) 23/171 1977 (8)]

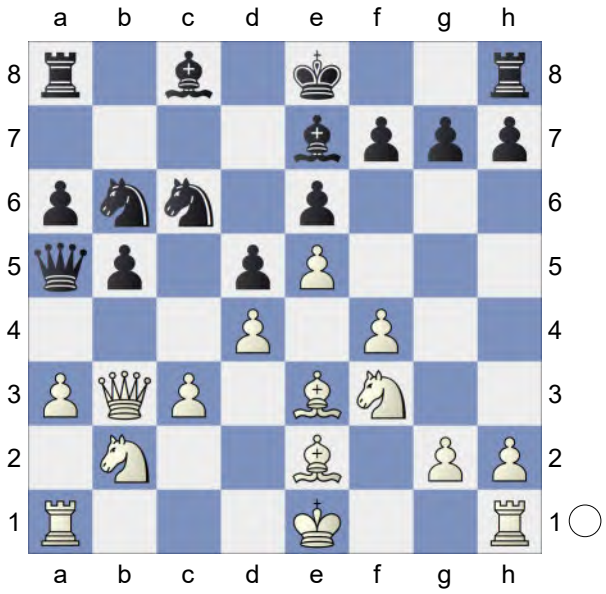


6.Be3N
[6.e5 Nfd7 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 *(8...cxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Qd2* V.B) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4 Nc3 e6 5.a3 #1*)* 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Na4 *(10.Bd3)* 10...Qa5+ 11.c3 Be7 12.b4 Qc7 13.Bd3 f6 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.0-0 0-0 16.c4 V.B) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4 Nc3 e6 5.a3 #2]

6...Be7 7.e5 Nfd7 8.f4 White has an edge. **8...c5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Be2 a6** 0.47/18
[10...0-0= 0.03/19]



11.Na4 Qa5+ 12.c3 Hoping for dxc5. **12...c4 13.b4 cxb3 14.Qxb3 b5 15.Nb2 Nb6**



16.0-0 Nc4 17.Nxc4 bxc4 18.Qc2 0-0 19.Bd1 Bd7 20.Qd2 Rfb8

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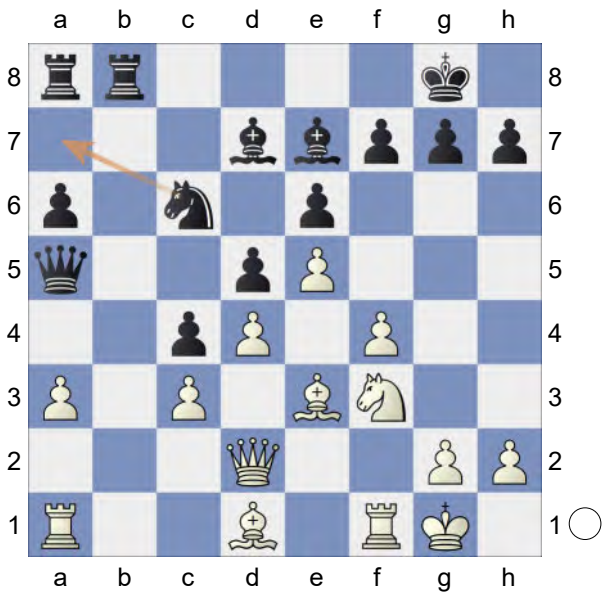
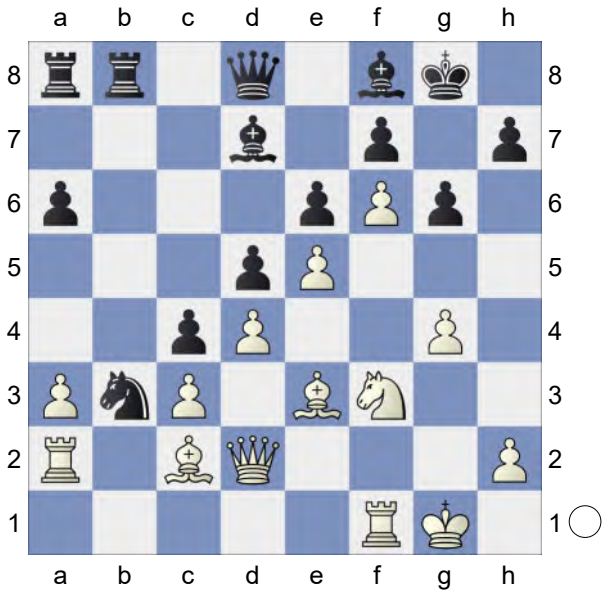


21.Bc2 g6 22.g4 Qd8 0.86/19
[22...Rb2∓ -0.44/18 stays ahead.]
23.f5!± Na5 1.93/19
[Black should try 23...exf5± 0.66/19
24.gxf5 Qc8]
24.f6+- Bf8 3.53/21
[24...Nb3 1.86/20 was called for.
25.fxe7 Qxe7]
25.Ra2 1.97/18
[⌓25.Qe1 3.53/21]
25...Nb3



26.Qf2

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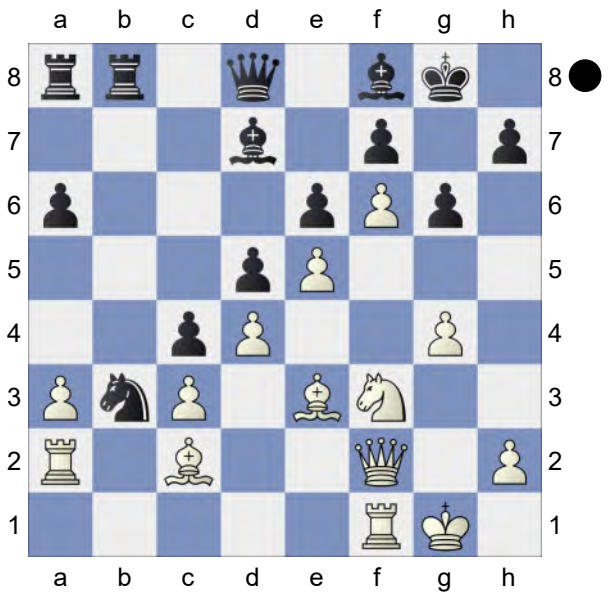

And now Qh4 would win. Black is weak on the dark squares **26...Ba4?** 5.64/21
[26...Qa5 1.65/19 27.Qe1 Bb5]
27.Qh4 2.32/17
[⌓27.Bxg6 5.64/21 fxg6 28.Ng5]
27...Qe8? 9.11/21
[27...Nxd4 2.32/17 28.cxd4
(28.Nxd4 Bxc2 29.Rxc2 Qc7+-)
28...Bxc2 29.Rxc2 c3]
28.Bh6? 1.83/21
[28.Bxg6 9.11/21 fxg6 29.Ng5]
28...Bxh6 29.Qxh6 Qf8 Dodges Qg7+
30.Qh4→ White is out for blood.
30...Rb6? 4.33/25
[30...h6 2.06/20 31.Qg3 Rb6]

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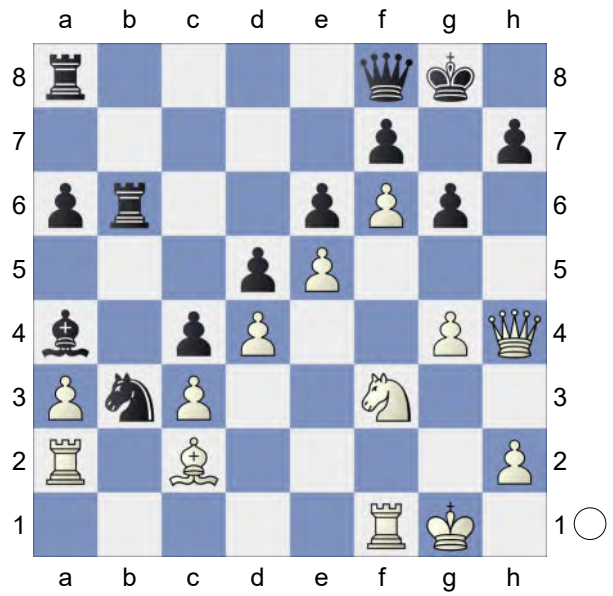

31.Ng5 h6 32.Nh3 1.38/20
[32.Bxg6!+- 3.74/21 is the precise move to win. fxg6 33.f7+ Kg7 34.Rf6 *(34.Nh3 Bd7+-)*]
32...Rab8? 3.59/19
[32...Be8± 1.38/20]
33.g5? -0.01/20
[Only move: 33.Bxg6+- 3.59/19 Bb5 34.Bh5]
33...h5? 2.10/20
[33...Nd2!= -0.01/20 and Black stays safe. 34.Rf4 *(34.Bxa4 Nxf1 35.gxh6 Ne3-+)* 34...Bxc2 35.Rxc2 Rb1+ 36.Kg2 Ne4 37.Rxe4 dxe4 38.Qxe4 *(38.gxh6? R8b2-+)* 38...Qxa3 39.gxh6 R1b2]
34.Nf4 Nc5? 12.03/20
[34...Be8± 1.55/20 35.a4 *(35.Nxh5 Nd2+-)* 35...Nd2 36.Bxg6 Discovered Attack fxg6 37.Rxd2 Bf7]
35.dxc5? 2.71/19
[35.Nxg6 12.03/20 fxg6 36.Bxg6 *(36.dxc5 Qxc5+ 37.Qf2 Qxf2+ 38.Rxf2 Bxc2∓)*]
35...Qxc5+

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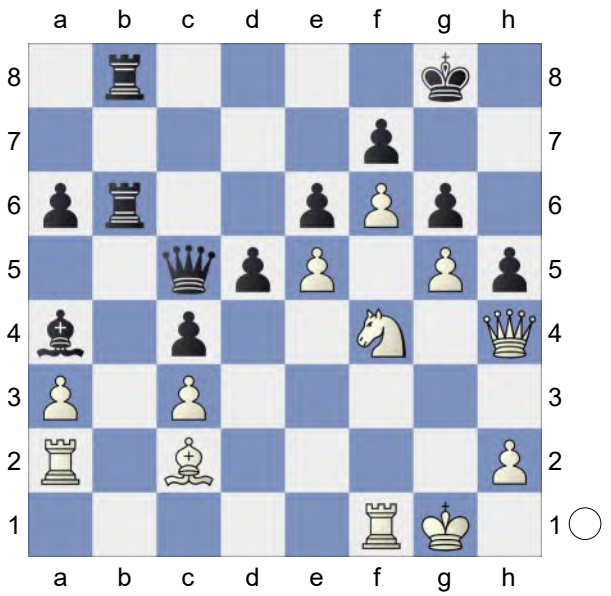
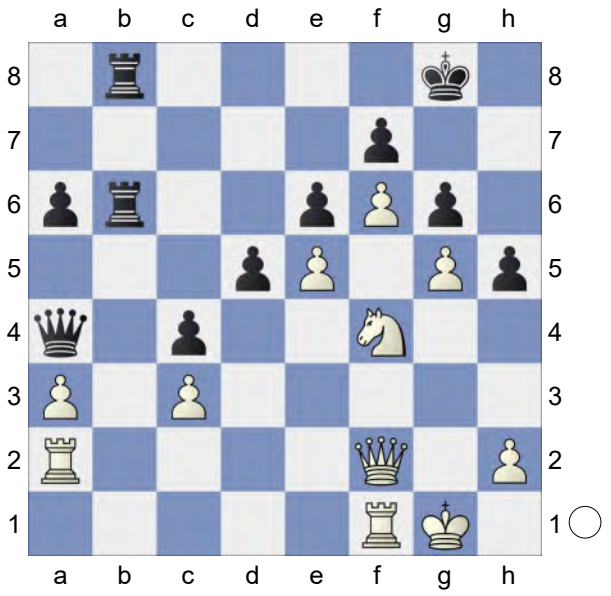
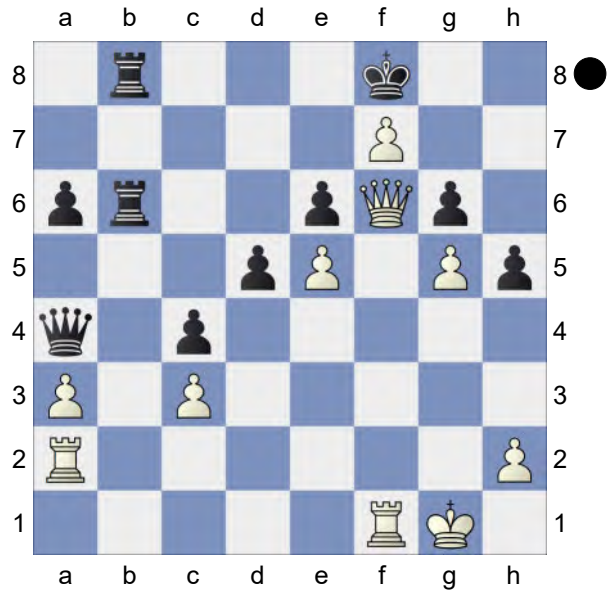


36.Qf2 Qc6 12.40/22
[36...Qxf2+ 2.43/18 37.Rxf2 Bxc2]
37.Bxa4 Qxa4



38.Nxg6! Promotion **38...fxg6**
[38...Qa5 39.Ne7+]
39.f7+ Kf8 40.Qf6 24.45/23
[⌓40.Qc5+ #5/12 Rd6 41.Qxd6+ *(41.exd6 Qb5 42.Qxb5 Rxb5 43.Re2 d4 44.d7 Rxg5+ 45.Kh1 Rf5 46.d8Q+ Kxf7)* 41...Kg7 42.f8Q+ *(42.Qxb8 Qe8 43.fxe8Q Kh7 44.Qh8#)* 42...Rxf8 43.Qxf8+ Kh7 44.Rf7#]



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50 **B12**
□ **Dennissharipov** **2838**
■ **Martinlorenzini** **2731**
Blitz 23.07.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
Nisipeanu,L.-D; Stoica,V: 'Inf 90/(83)'
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Na6N 0.56/18
[5...Qb6= 0.16/16 deserves consideration. 6.Qd2 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.exd5 Nf6 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Bb3 Ba6 13.0-0 Nb6 B 15/01-N,N]
[5...dxe4 6.fxe4 e5 *(6...Qb6 7.Qd2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.Bc4 Nd7 10.Nf3 Nb6 11.Bb3 Nf6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ng5 e6 14.e5* B 15/01-N,N*)* 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qe7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Nf3 Ngf6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Qf4 Re8 15.Bh3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qxe5 Rxe5 18.Rd8+ Re8 Lupulescu,C (2543)-Barnaure,V (2378) 90/(83) Bari 2004]
[5...h5 6.Qd2 a6 7.0-0-0 e6 8.h4 b5 9.g4 Nd7 10.gxh5 gxh5 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.Rg1 Bf8 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rde1 Ne7 18.Rg5 Qb6 19.Nd1 Kd7 20.Nxh5 1-0 (29) 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 with 16. e (2247)-J.Hector (2247) corr ML-026 BdF 1999]

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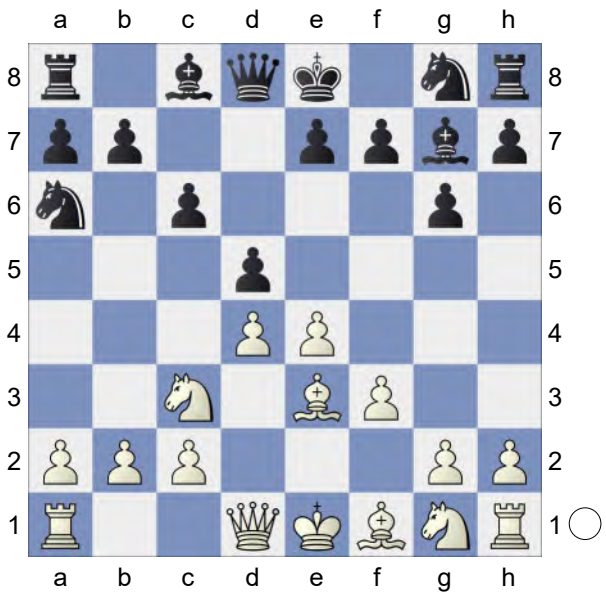
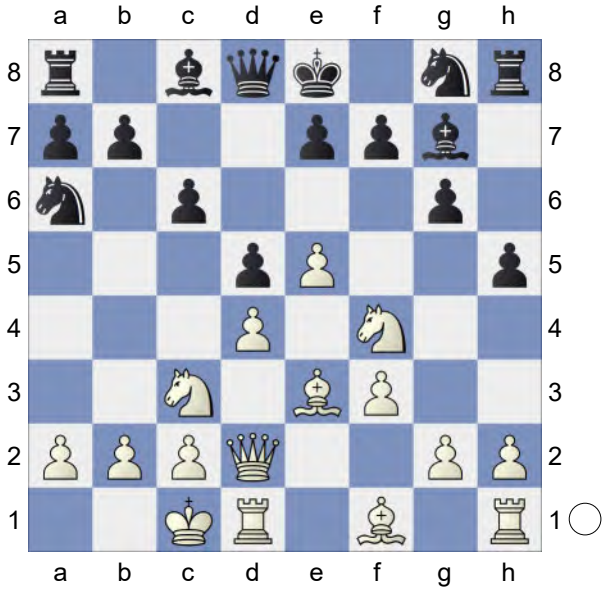


6.Qd2± h5 7.0-0-0 Be6 8.Nge2 White is better. **8...Nf6 9.Nf4 Bc8** 1.37/18
[⌓9...Nc7 0.95/18]
10.e5± Ng8



11.e6! g5
[11...Bxe6 12.Nxe6]
12.exf7+! Kxf7 13.Nd3 g4 14.fxg4 Bxg4 15.Be2 Nf6

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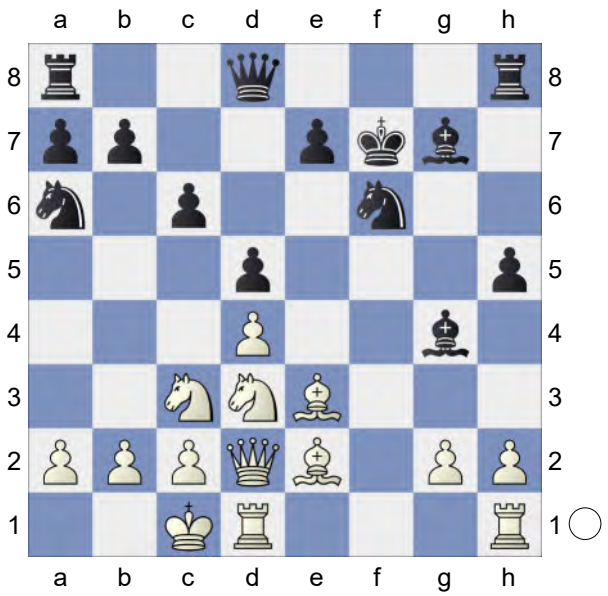

16.Ne5+ Ke8 2.76/18
[⌓16...Kg8 1.97/17 17.Bxa6 bxa6]
17.Bxg4 1.17/20
[17.Bxa6+- 2.76/18 and White stays clearly on top. bxa6 18.Qd3 *(18.Nxc6 Qd6±)*]
17...Nxg4 18.Ng6 0.18/20 Prevents Nxe3.
[18.Nxg4± 1.15/17 hxg4 19.Bg5]
18...Rg8 1.41/20
[18...Qd6!= 0.18/20 keeps the balance. 19.Nf4 *(19.Nxh8 Nxe3 20.Rde1 Ng4-+)* 19...Kd7]
19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Nxf6

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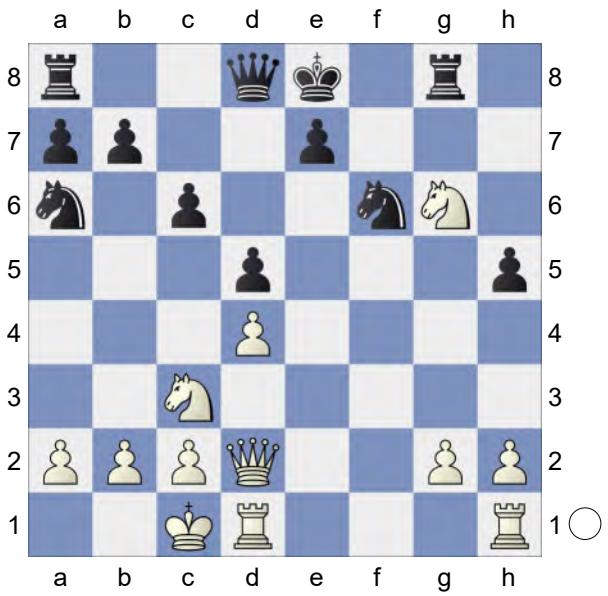

21.Ne5 Qd6 1.90/19
[21...Ng4± 1.47/19 22.Qf4 Nxe5]
22.Rde1 1.34/18
[22.Qh6+- 1.90/19]
22...Rf8? 3.44/21
[22...Ng4± 1.34/18 23.g3 Nc7]
23.Rhf1 Kd8 24.Qh6 1.21/20
[24.Ne2+- 2.12/18 Black must now prevent Ng3. Kc8 25.Ng3]
24...Kc7 25.h3 0.94/18
[⌓25.Ng6 1.43/18 Nd7 26.Qxh5 *(26.Rxf8 Rxf8 27.Qxh5 Rf6+-)* 26...Rxf1 27.Rxf1]
25...Rae8

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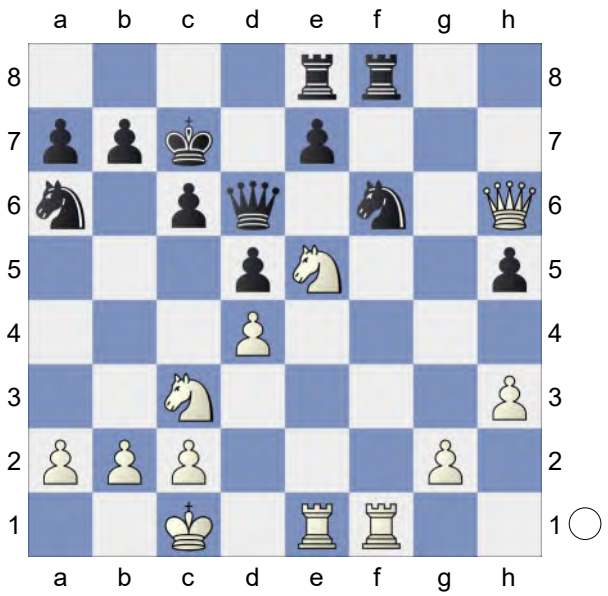
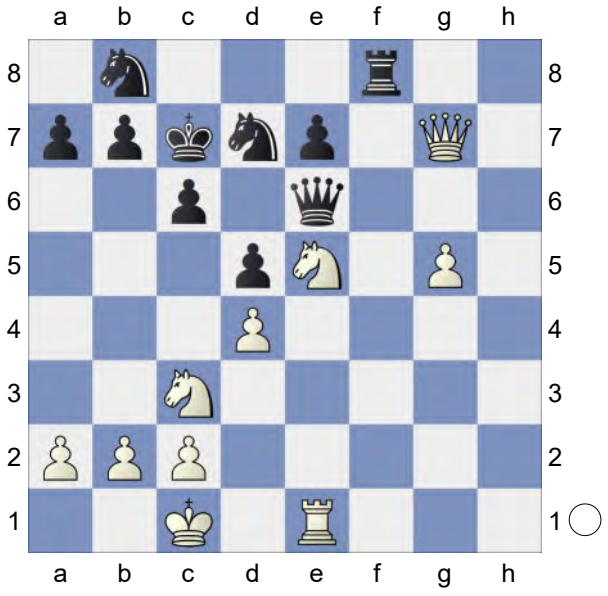
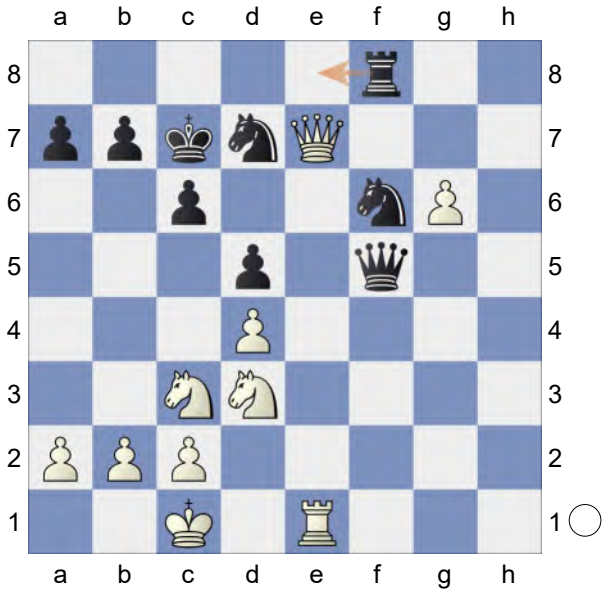


26.g4 hxg4 27.hxg4 Nb8? 2.91/19
[27...Nd7!± 0.59/20 28.Qxd6+ exd6]
28.g5+- Nfd7 29.Rxf8 1.49/22
[29.Nf7+- 2.61/20 Qxh6 30.gxh6]
29...Rxf8± 30.Qg7 0.89/22
[⌓30.g6 1.47/19]
30...Qe6 1.39/20
[Black should try 30...Rf5 0.89/22]



31.Nd3 Rf7 Threatens to win with ... Qxe1+. **32.Qg8↑** White is really pushing. **32...Qf5 33.g6** 0.69/20 White is much more active.
[33.Ne2± 1.26/21 Rf8 34.Qg7]
33...Rf8? 2.55/21
[33...Qg5+!± 0.69/20 34.Kb1 Rf6]
34.Qh7+- Nf6 35.Qxe7+ Nbd7



Black is weak on the dark squares **36.g7 Rg8** 2.85/22
[⌓36...Qg5+ 1.79/21 37.Kd1 Re8]
37.Rg1 Nh5 4.20/21
[⌓37...Ne4 2.90/19 38.Ne5 Qf4+ 39.Kb1 Nef6]
38.b3? 0.22/20
[38.Nc5+- 4.20/21 Ne6+ would now be deadly. Nhf6 39.Ne6+ Kc8 40.b3]
38...Qf6= 39.Qe2 Chess con chili.
39...Rxg7
[39...Qxd4 keeps more tension. 40.Rg4 Qxc3 41.Qh2+ Kb6]
40.Rxg7 Nxg7
[40...Qh6+ looks sharper. 41.Kb2 Nxg7 42.Qg4 Qf6]

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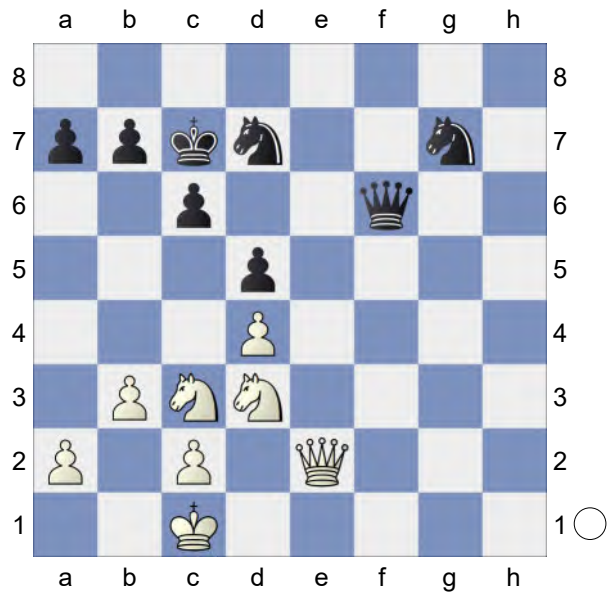
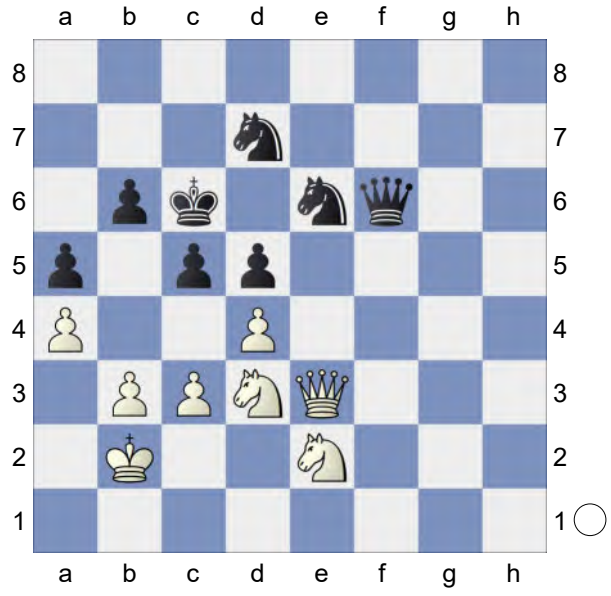
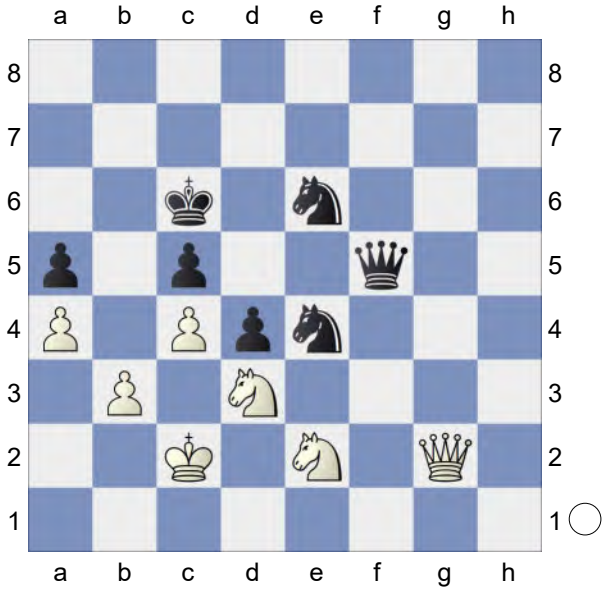


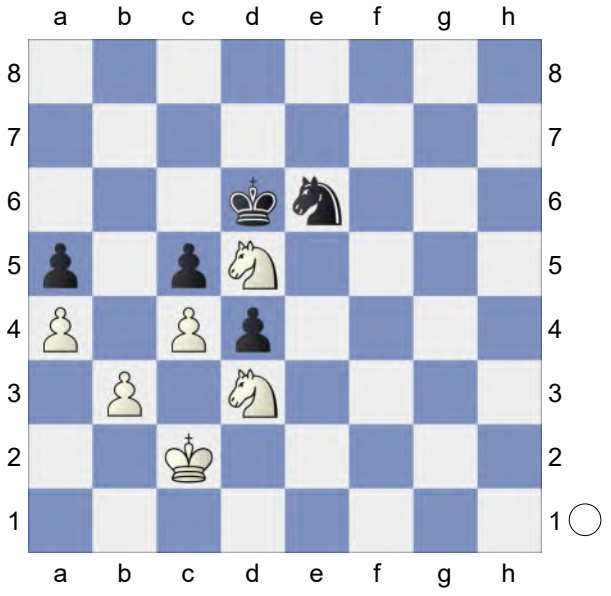
41.Qe3 Ne6 42.Ne2 b6 43.a4 a5 44.Kb2 c5 45.c3
[45.Nc3 simplifies Kb7 46.Qh3 Kc6 47.dxc5 Ndxc5 48.Nxc5 bxc5 49.Kb1]
45...Kc6
[45...Qf5 simplifies 46.Ndf4 Nxf4 47.Nxf4 Qe4]



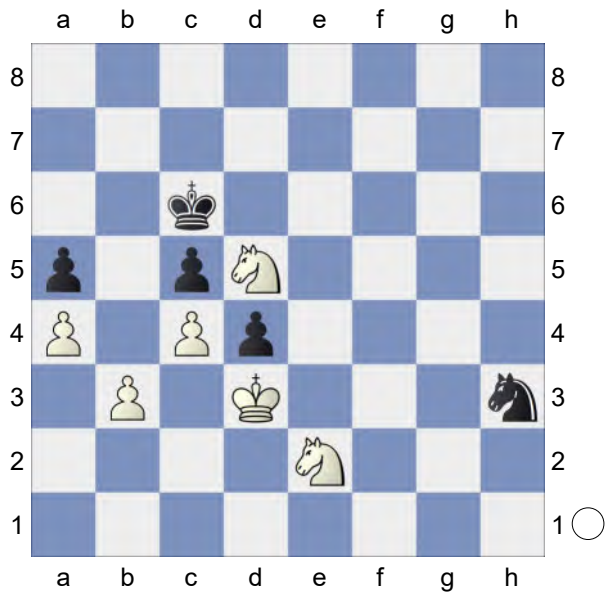
46.dxc5 bxc5
[46...Ndxc5 simplifies 47.Nxc5 bxc5 48.Ka3 Qg6]
47.Kc2 Qf5 48.c4 d4 49.Qg3 Nf6 0.54/22
[49...Qe4= 0.01/19 50.Nec1 Nd8]
50.Qg2+ -0.01/21
[Better is 50.Qb8± 0.54/22]
50...Ne4? 9.31/21
[50...Qe4= -0.01/21 51.Qf1 Nd7]



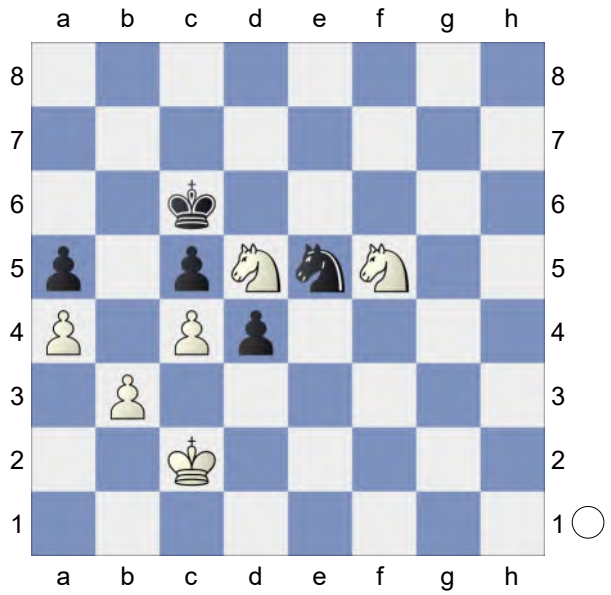
51.Ng3+- Qg4 52.Qxe4+ Qxe4 53.Nxe4 Kb6 54.Nf6 Kc6 55.Nd5 Kd6



56.Nf2 Kc6 57.Nd3? -0.01/29
[57.Nf6+- 9.36/29 Kd6 58.N6g4]
57...Kd6!= 58.Nc1 Kc6 59.Kd3 Ng5 60.Ne2 Nh3

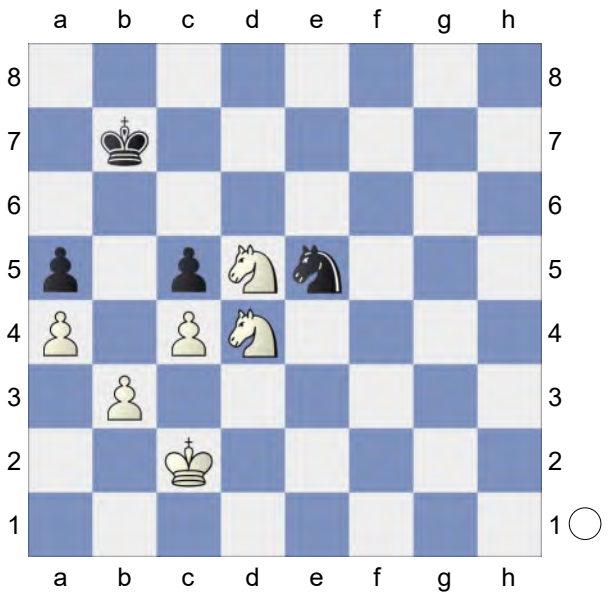


61.Nef4 Nf2+ 62.Kc2 Ng4 63.Ng6 Ne5 64.Nge7+ Kd6 65.Nf5+ Kc6

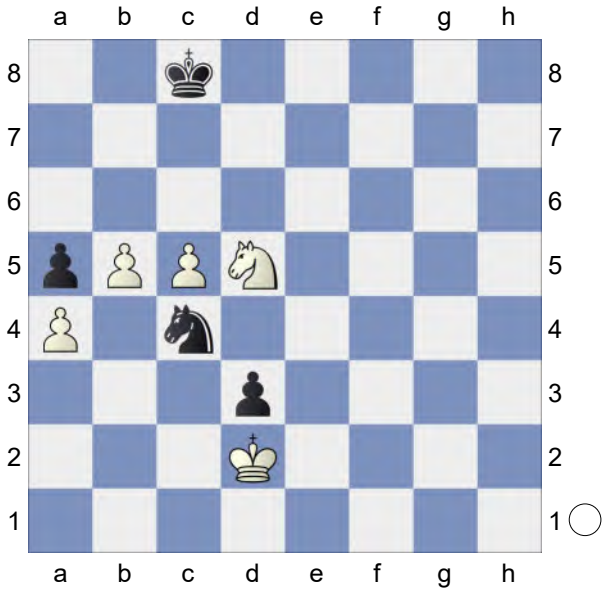


66.Nxd4+? 1.02/27 **Kb7?** 8.72/25
[66...cxd4± 1.02/27 67.Nf4 Kd6]

(Diagram)

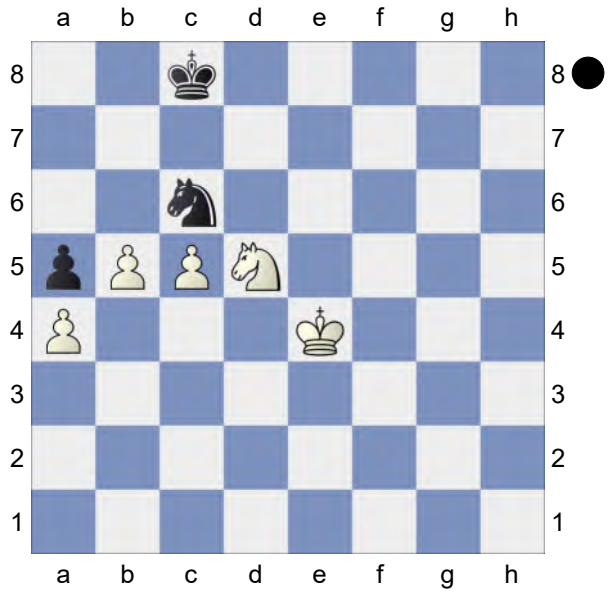


67.b4? 0.01/25 **cxd4** Endgame. KN-KN
68.b5 d3+? 5.52/29
[68...Nxc4= 0.00/30 69.Nf4 Kb6]
69.Kd2? 0.00/27
[69.Kc3+- 5.52/29]
69...Kc8? 10.22/28
[69...Nxc4+= 0.00/27 70.Kxd3 Nb2+ 71.Kc2 Nxa4]
70.c5+- Nc4+



71.Kxd3 Ne5+ 72.Kd4 10.69/20
[⌓72.Ke4 #17/22 Nf7 73.c6 Nd8 74.Ke5 Nf7+ 75.Kd4 Ng5 76.b6 Nf3+ 77.Kc5]

72...Nc6+ 73.Ke4 20.70/24
[⌓73.bxc6 #8/18 Kd8 74.Ke5 Ke8 75.Ke6 Kf8 76.c7 Kg7 77.c8Q *(77.c8B Kh6 78.c6 Kh5 79.c7 Kh4 80.Ba6 Kh3 81.c8Q Kg4 82.Qg8+ Kh4 83.Bb7 Kh3 84.Ne3 Kh4 85.Qg4#)* 77...Kh6 78.Kf6 Kh7 79.Qd7+ Kh8 80.Qg7#]



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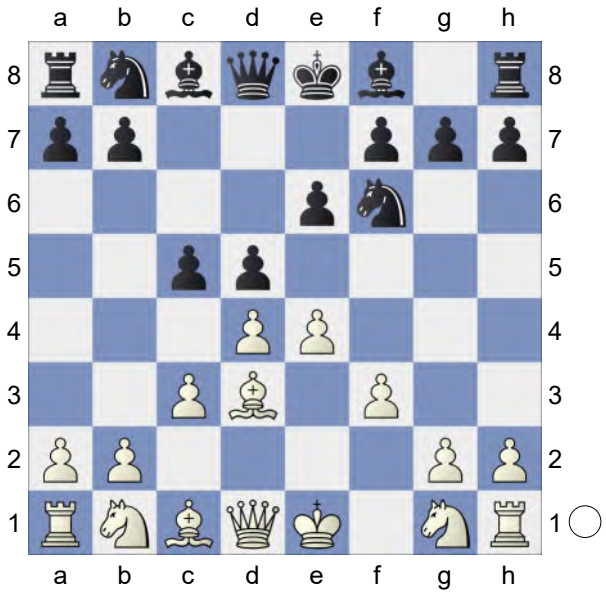
51 **B12**
□ **Grigorgrigorov** **2846**
■ **Lsgeneraal** **2880**
Blitz 21.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 0.24/17
[5...dxe4 -0.20/18 should be considered. 6.fxe4 Nxe4]



6.Ne2 Nc6
[6...dxe4!? 7.fxe4 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Qh4+ 9.Ng3 Bd6=]
7.e5 Nd7 8.f4 The position is equal.
8...Be7N
[8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nb4 10.0-0 Nxd3 11.Qxd3 f5 12.g4 g6 13.gxf5 gxf5 14.Nd2 V.D) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4...c5 #2]
9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nf3 f6

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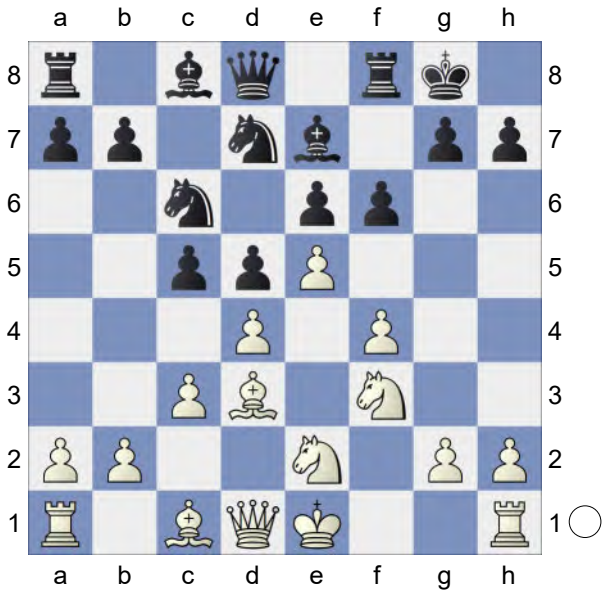

11.0-0 0.13/16
[11.Be3± 0.53/14 was preferrable.]
11...fxe5 0.78/18
[11...a6= 0.13/16 remains equal.]
12.fxe5± cxd4 13.cxd4 b5? 2.85/20
14.Be3 1.37/19
[14.Bxb5 Qb6±]
[14.Qc2+- 2.85/20 Qb6 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Qg6 Ncxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Qh5 *(18.Rxf8+ Bxf8 19.Qh5 Ng4+-)* 18...Qxd4+ 19.Nxd4 Rxf1+ Remove Defender 20.Kxf1]
14...Nb4 15.Bb1 Bb7 2.45/19
[15...Rf7± 1.30/19 was worth a try. 16.a3 Na6]

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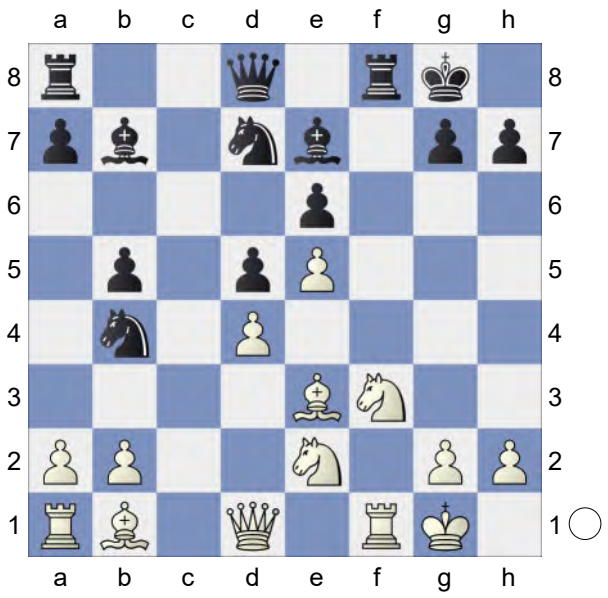
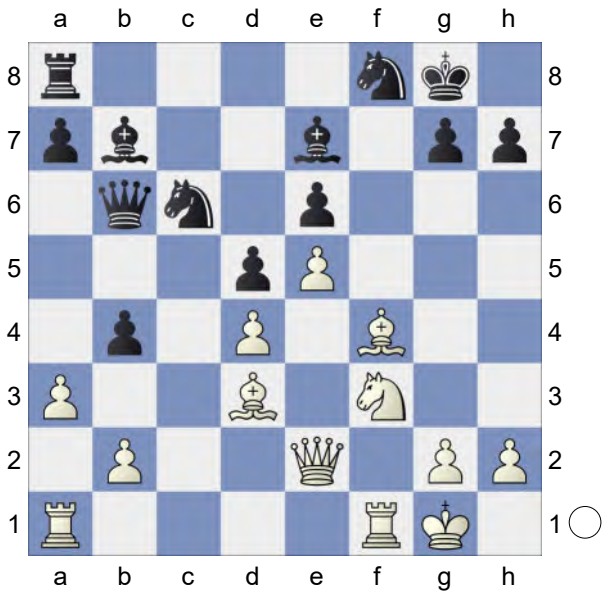


16.a3 Nc6 17.Nf4 Rxf4 18.Bxf4 Nf8 19.Bd3 b4 20.Qe2 Qb6



21.Qe3 Ng6 22.Bg3 Rf8 23.h4 Rxf3 24.Qxf3 Intending Qf7+ and mate. **24...Qxd4+ 25.Kh1 Ncxe5**

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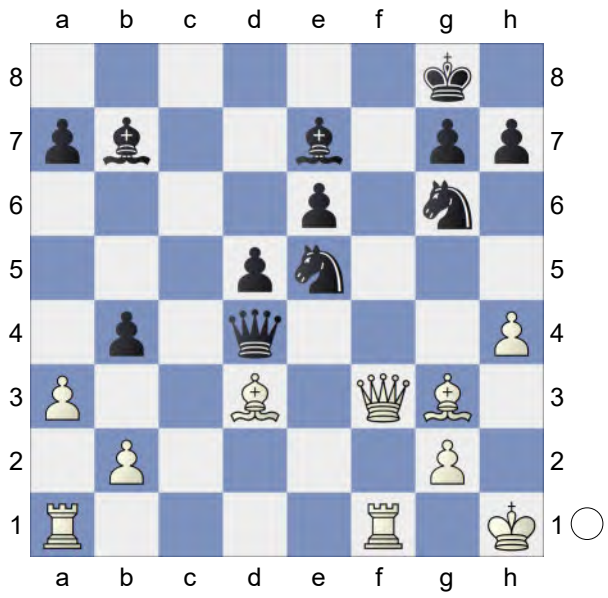
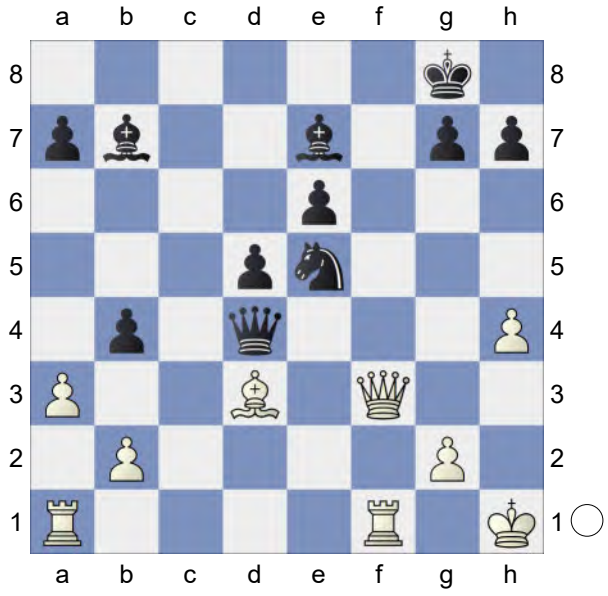


26.Bxe5 Nxe5



27.Bxh7+! Decoy **27...Kxh7 28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.Qe8+ Kh7 30.Qh5+** 0.01/5

[30.Qxe7+- 1.99/26 Ba6 31.Rfe1 *(31.Qxb4 Bc4+-)* 31...bxa3 32.Rxa3 *(32.Qxe6 axb2 33.Rxa6 Qe4=; 32.bxa3 Ng4+-)*]

30...Kg8=

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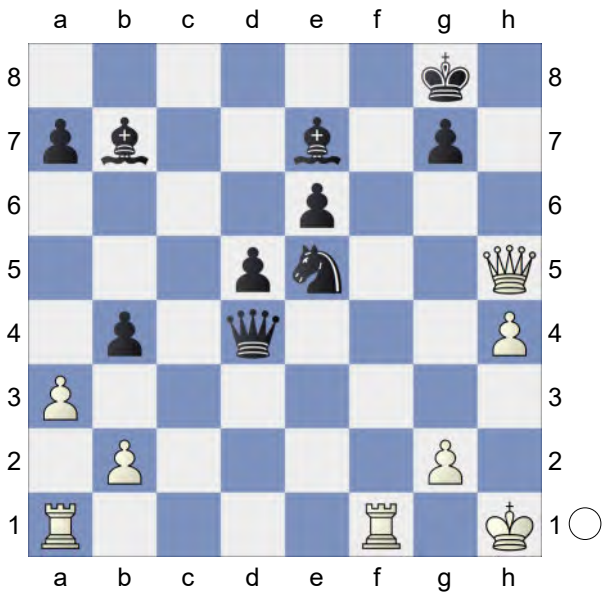


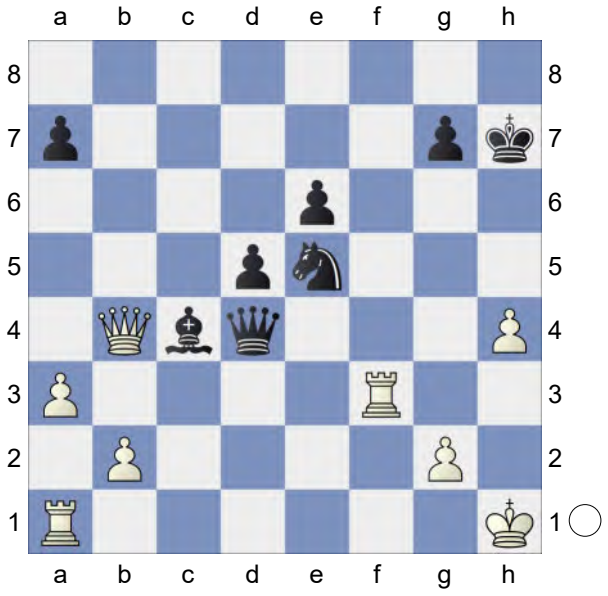
Hoping for ...g6. **31.Qe8+ Kh7** Some like it hot **32.Qxe7 Ba6 33.Rf8** 0.92/21

[33.Qxe6+- 2.04/20 and White stays clearly on top. Bxf1 34.Rxf1]

33...Ng6? 2.58/23

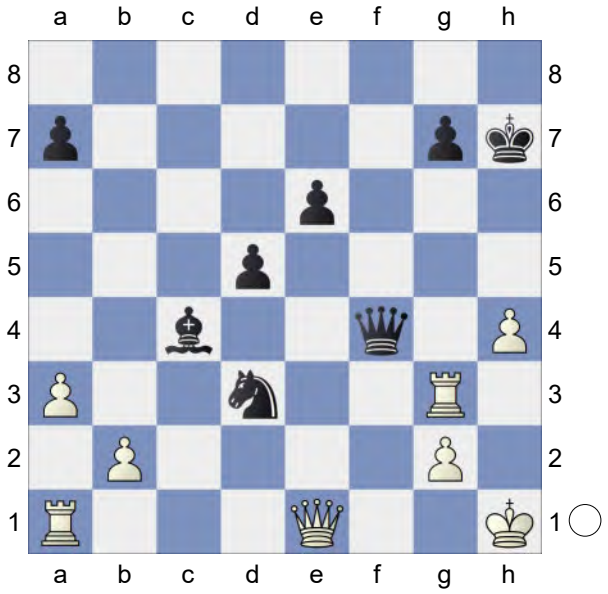
[33...Qxb2± 0.92/21 34.Re1 *(34.Qxb4?* perishes. *Qxa1+ 35.Kh2 Be2-+)* 34...Ng6 35.Qxe6 *(35.Qxb4?* is the wrong capture. *Qxb4 36.axb4 Nxf8-+)* 35...Nxf8 36.Qxa6 bxa3]

34.Qxb4+- Bc4 35.Rf3 aiming for Qc3. **35...Ne5**



36.Rg3 Qf4 37.Qe1 Strongly threatening Qe3. **37...Nd3?** 4.28/21

[37...d4 1.63/22 38.b3 Bd5]



38.Rxd3 1.94/19 **Bxd3** Endgame. KQR-KQB **39.Rc1** 1.04/22

[39.Qxe6+- 2.00/22 Qxh4+ 40.Qh3 Qxh3+ 41.gxh3]

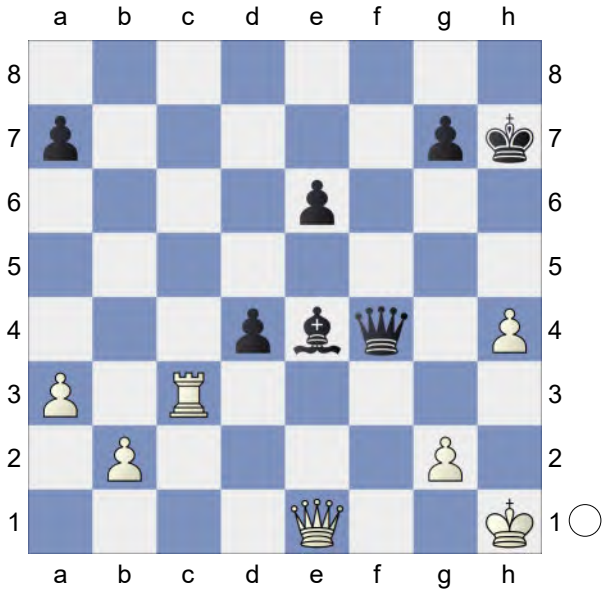
39...Be4 1.57/23

[⌓39...d4 1.04/22]

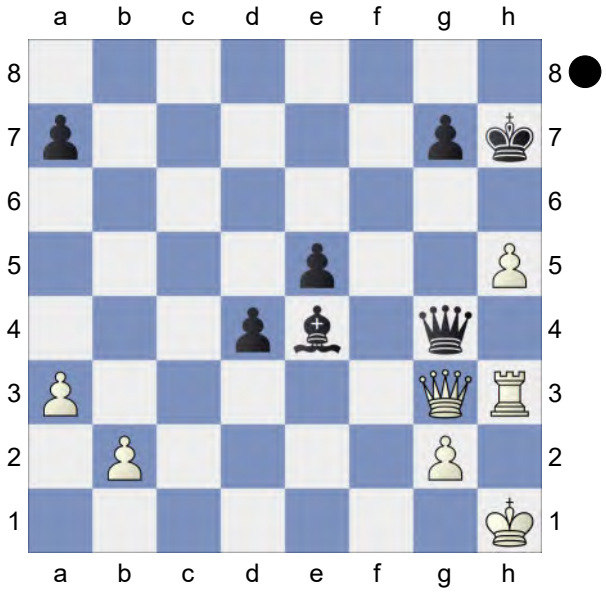
40.Rc3 0.42/20

[40.Kg1± 1.57/23]

40...d4±



41.Rh3 0.01/22
[41.Rc4± 0.43/22]
41...e5 0.49/22
[41...d3= 0.01/22 42.Re3 Bf5]
42.h5 -0.01/21
[White should try 42.Kg1!± 0.49/22]
42...Qg4 0.83/22
[42...d3= -0.01/21 keeps the balance. 43.Re3 Kh6]
43.Qg3? -8.36/23
[43.Rg3± 0.83/22 Qf4 44.a4]



43...Qxg3!-+ **44.Rxg3** Kg1 is the strong threat. **44...d3**

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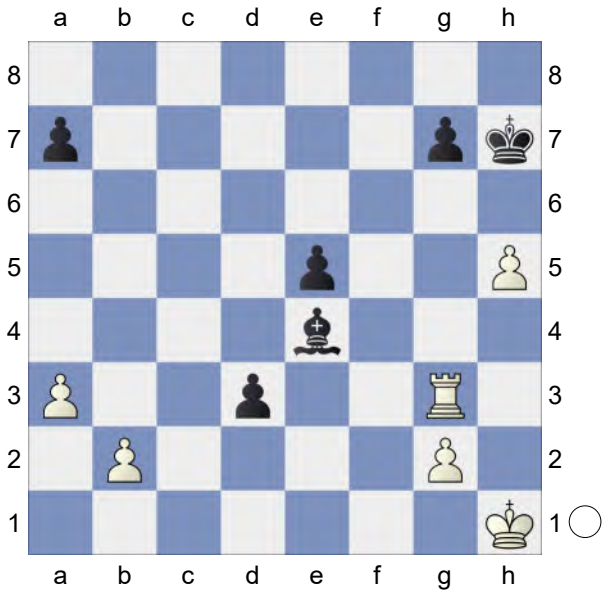

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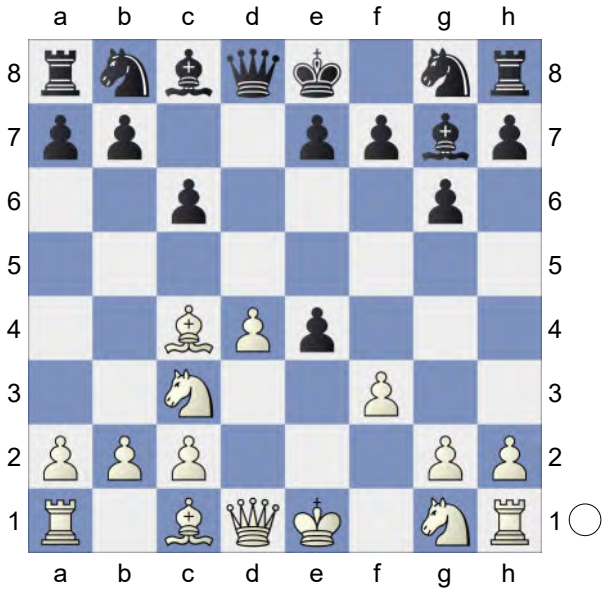
52 **B12**
□ **Liang,Awonder** **2868**
■ **Vincentblom** **2699**
Blitz 16.06.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.Bc4 Bg7



6.Be3 -0.27/20
[⌓6.fxe4 0.14/19 Qxd4 *(6...Bxd4 7.Qd3=)* 7.Qe2]
6...exf3= 7.Nxf3 Nf6 8.Qd2
The position is equal. **8...Bg4N**
[8...0-0 9.h4 Bg4 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Qf2 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Ne4 Nxe5 14.Bb3 Bf5 15.Rd1 Qb8 16.Ng3 Ng4 17.Qf3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bg4 19.Rd3 Qe5 20.0-0 Qxe3+ 21.Rxe3 0-1 Mikalsen,E-8.♗g5 --- _64678 USSR 25/529 1977]
9.Ne5 0-0 10.h3 Bf5

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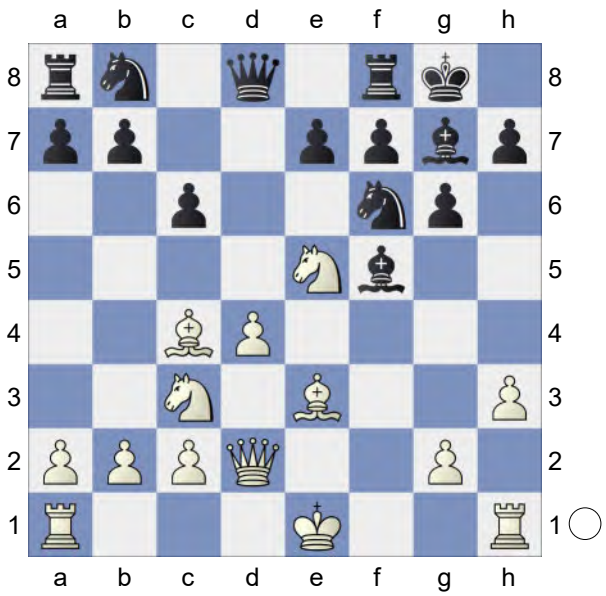

11.g4 Ne4 12.Qg2
[12.Qd3!? Nf2 Discovered Attack 13.Qf1 Nxh1 14.Nxf7±]
12...Nxc3!
[12...Bxe5 13.gxf5 *(13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Qxe4 Bg7=; 13.dxe5 Nxc3 14.gxf5 e6±)* 13...Nd6 *(13...Bg3+? 14.Ke2+-)* 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 *(14...Rxf7? 15.fxg6 Rg7 16.dxe5+-)* 15.fxg6+ *(15.dxe5 Nxf5 16.Bd2 Qd7±)* 15...hxg6 16.dxe5]
13.gxf5 Nd5 14.Bd2 b5 0.23/18
[14...e6∓ -0.70/18 15.Bg5 Nf4 Decoy 16.Bxf4 Qxd4]
15.Bd3 -0.22/19
[⌓15.fxg6 0.23/18 hxg6 16.Bd3]
15...Qc7 1.21/22
[15...e6= -0.22/19 keeps the balance. 16.0-0-0 exf5 17.Bxf5 Ne7 *(17...gxf5 18.Rhg1=)*]

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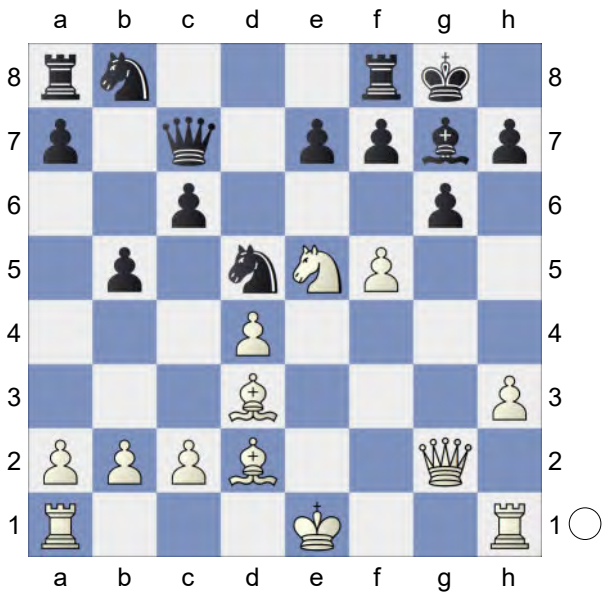
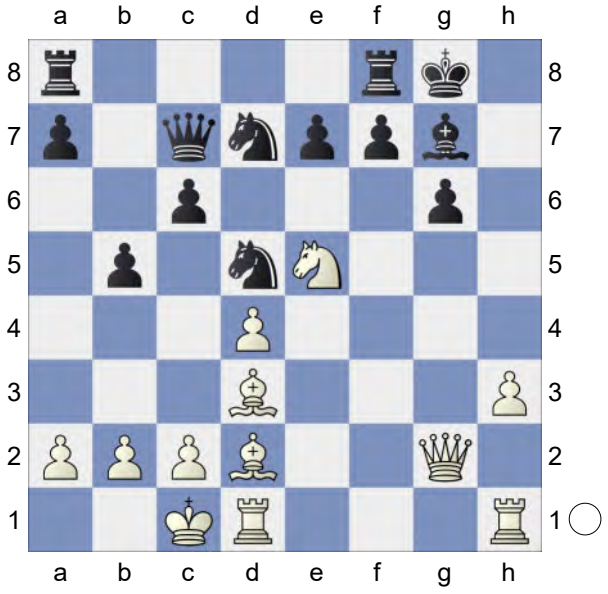


16.0-0-0 0.60/19
[16.fxg6± 1.21/22 fxg6 17.Nxg6 Demolition hxg6 18.Qxg6]
16...Nd7± **17.fxg6** White is much more active. **17...hxg6**



18.Nxg6 Demolition **18...fxg6** **19.Qxg6** **Rf6** 1.15/19
[19...Rf7!± 0.62/20]
20.Qh7+→ Black needs to defend precisely. **20...Kf8?** 4.10/20
[20...Kf7= -0.01/20]

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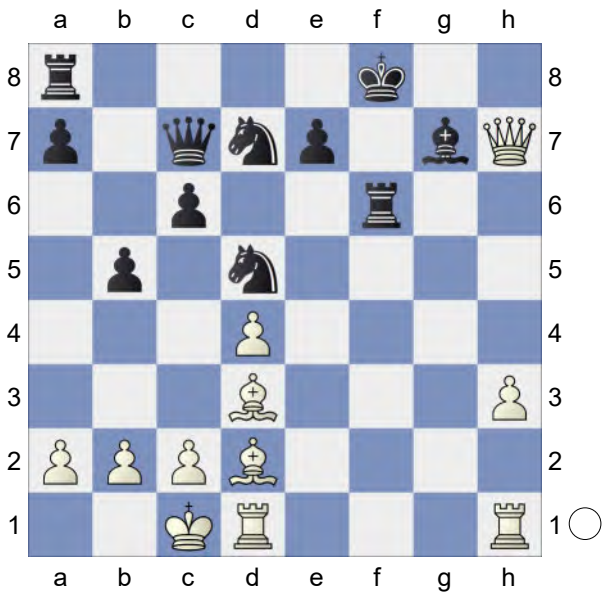
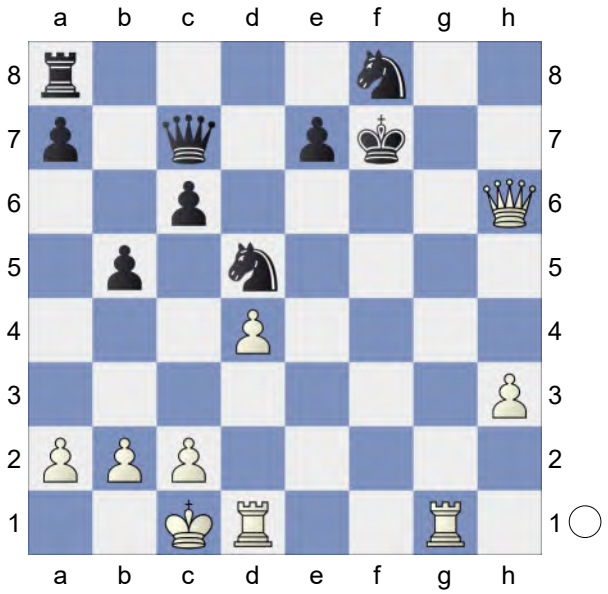


A mistake that costs the game.
21.Rhg1+- **Rf7** 5.36/26
[⌓21...Ke8 3.72/20 22.Rxg7 *(22.Qxg7 Qd6+-)* 22...Qd6 23.Rg8+ Nf8]
22.Bh6 **Bxh6+** **23.Qxh6+** **Ke8** Strongly threatening ...Qf4+. **24.Bg6** Pin
24...Nf8? 8.55/22
[24...Qf4+ 3.54/22 25.Qxf4 Nxf4]
25.Bxf7+ **Kxf7**



26.Rdf1+ Skewer **26...Nf6**

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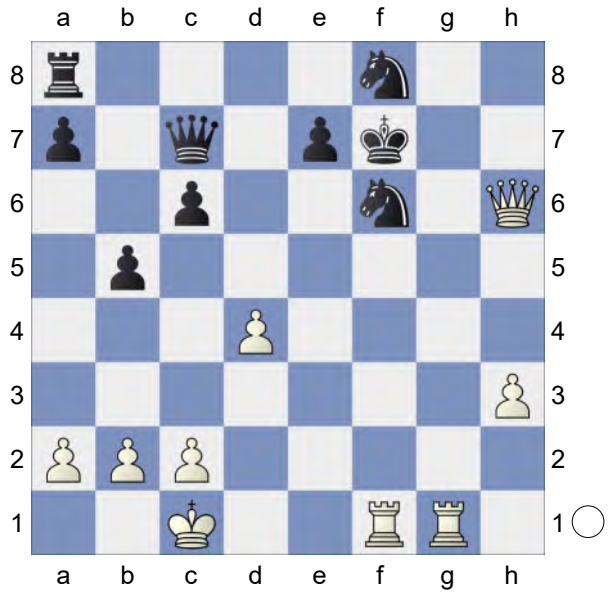
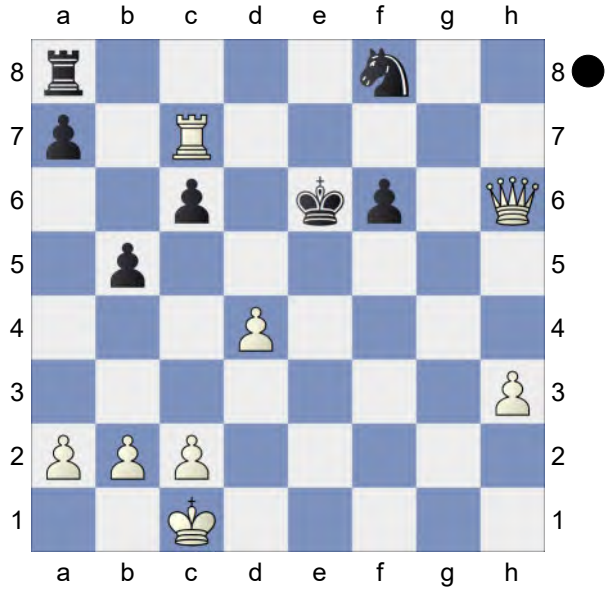


27.Rxf6+! exf6

[27...Ke8 28.Qh5+]

28.Rg7+ Ke6 29.Rxc7 #16/19

[29.d5++- 20.74/21 Kxd5 30.Rxc7]



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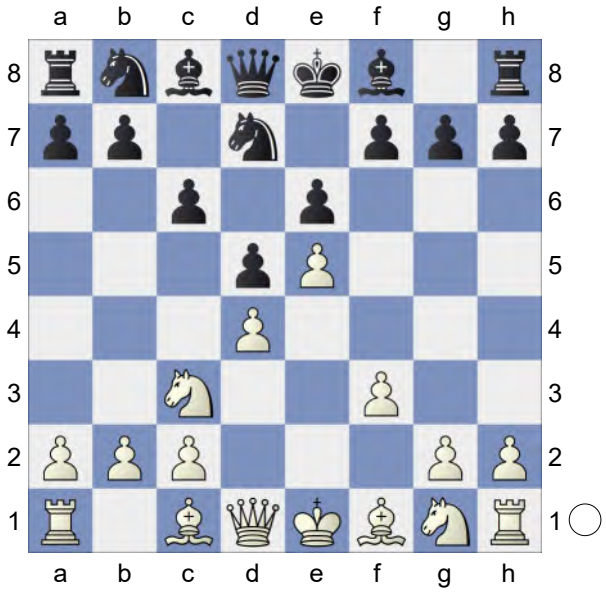
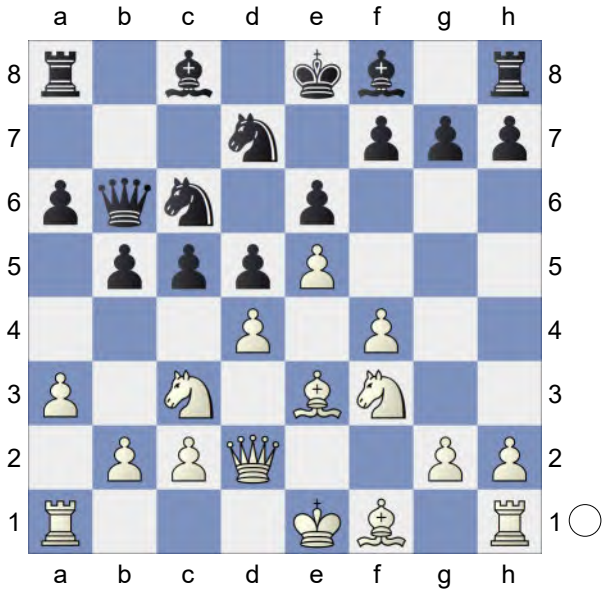
53 **C11**
□ **Jepetto** **3078**
■ **Dmdonch** **2830**
Blitz 22.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

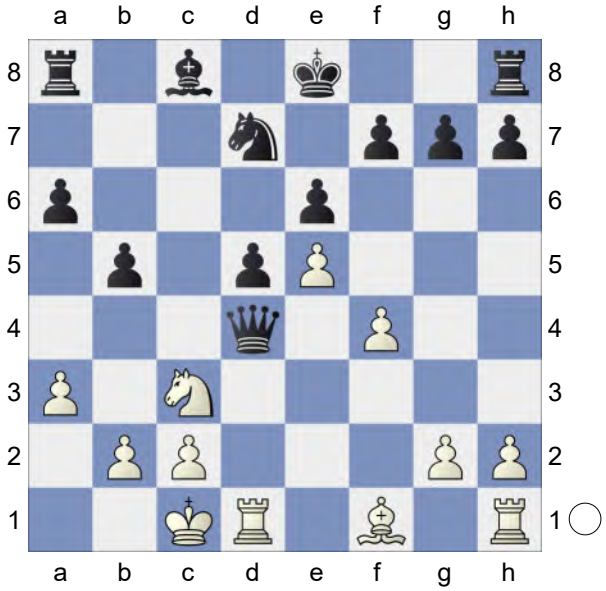
Blitz 3min
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



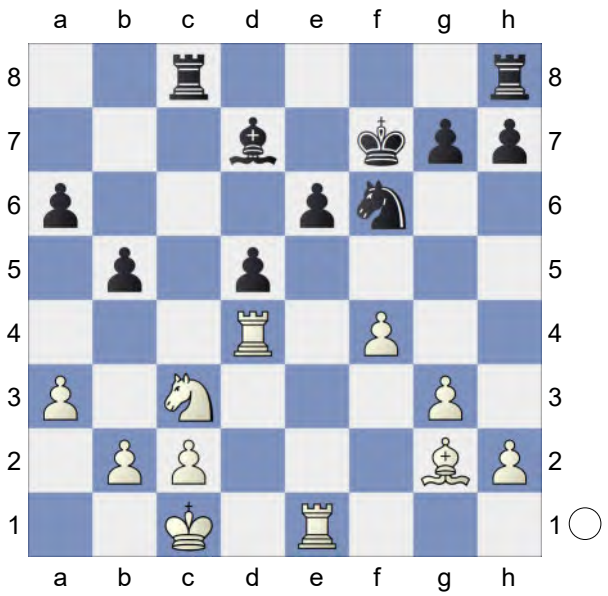
6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 a6
[8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]
9.a3 b5N
[9...Rb8 10.Qd2 Be7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.Bd3 b5 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Ne2 0-0 18.c3 Bd7 19.a4 Qe8 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Ned4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 f5 23.a5 Qf7 24.Nf3 ½-½ (65) Curtis,R (2341)-9. ♗h4 d5 10.e3 ♘bd7 69281 (2520) Copenhagen 1999 (3)]
10.Qd2 Qb6



11.Qf2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 The position is equal. **13...Bc5 14.0-0-0 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Qxd4**



16.Rxd4 f6 0.74/21
[16...Nb8= 0.16/17]
17.exf6± Nxf6 18.g3 Bd7 19.Bg2 Rc8 1.10/20
[19...0-0-0± 0.52/19]
20.Re1 Kf7
(Diagram)

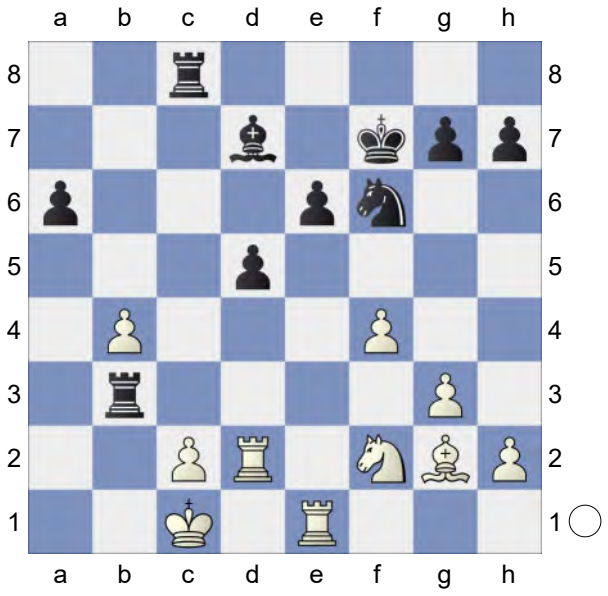


21.Nd1 Rc4 22.Rd2 Rhc8 23.Nf2 b4 24.b3 0.39/21

[24.Bf1± 0.95/21 bxa3 25.Bxc4 Rxc4 26.b3 *(26.bxa3 Ke7±)*]

24...Rc3± 25.axb4 Hoping for Kb2.

25...Rxb3



26.Nd3 Bb5

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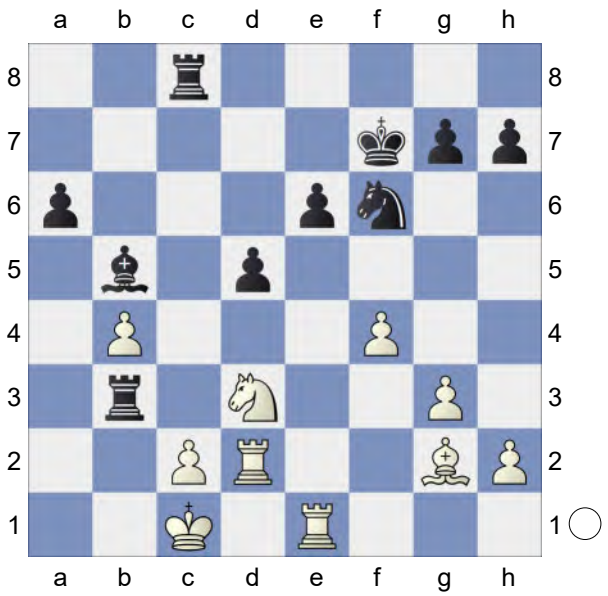


Deflection **27.Nc5** 0.01/20

[27.Bh3!± 0.51/20 Ne4 28.Nc5 Rxc5 *(28...Rxb4?* perishes. *29.Bxe6+ Kf6 30.Bxc8+-; 28...Nxc5? 29.bxc5 Rxc5 30.Bxe6+ Kf8 31.Rxd5+-)* 29.bxc5]

27...Rxb4= 28.Nxe6 h6 0.86/20

[28...Bc4= -0.23/20]

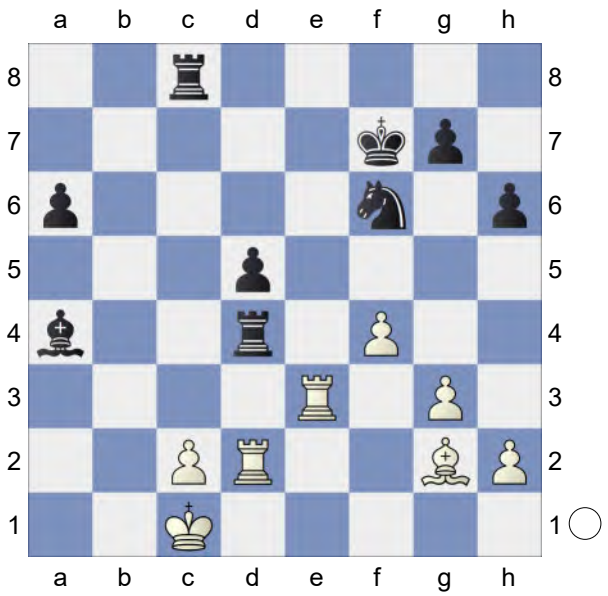
29.Nd4 0.20/20

[29.Bxd5± 0.86/20 Nxd5 30.Rxd5]

29...Ba4 30.Re3

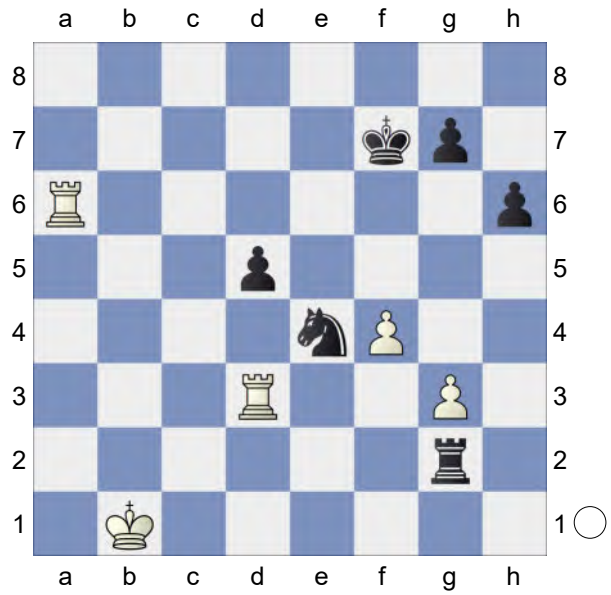
[30.Re5!?]

30...Rxd4

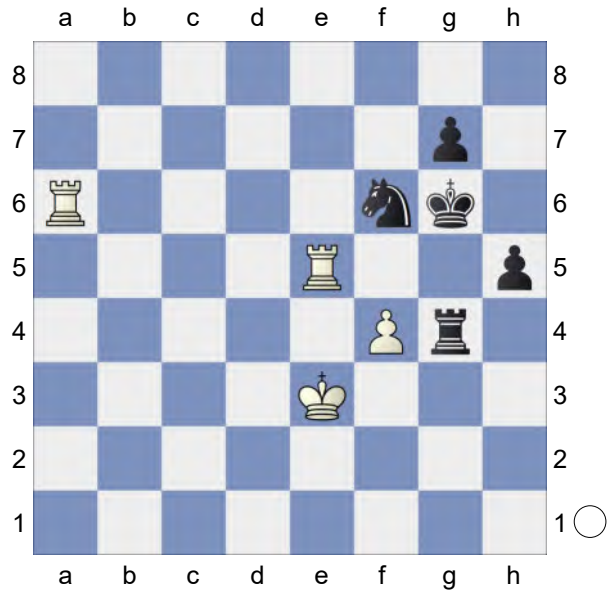


Deflection **31.Rxd4 Rxc2+ 32.Kb1**

Rxg2 33.Rxa4 Rxh2 34.Rxa6± Endgame. With the idea Ra7+. KRR-KRN **34...Ne4 35.Rd3 Rg2**

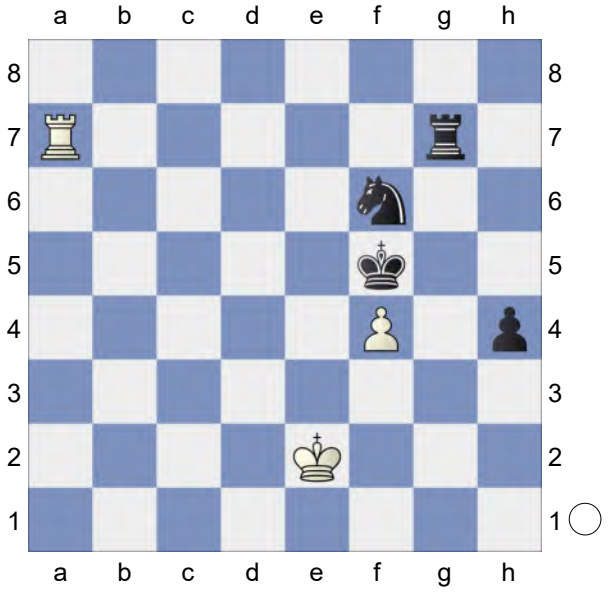


36.Kc1 Rxg3 0.36/23
[36...Nxg3= -0.19/22 37.f5 Nxf5]
37.Rxd5 Nf6 Wards off Rd7+ **38.Re5 Kg6 39.Kd2 Rg4** 0.65/23
[Black should try 39...Rf3= 0.01/24]
40.Ke3 h5 1.03/22
[40...Rg3+± 0.65/20 41.Ke2 Rg4]

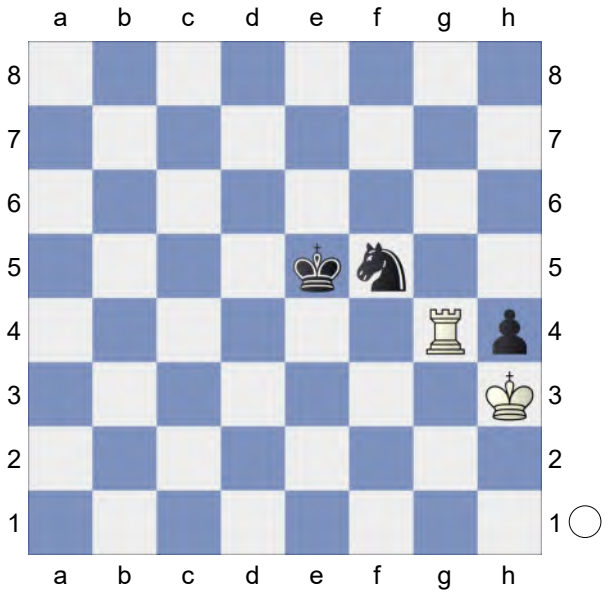


41.Kf3 0.55/22
[41.Raa5± 1.03/22]

41...Rg1 42.Re7 0.01/24 White is more active.
[42.Raa5± 0.63/18]
42...h4!= 43.Raa7 Rg3+ 44.Ke2 Kf5 0.37/20
[44...Kh7= 0.01/19]
45.Rxg7± Rxg7

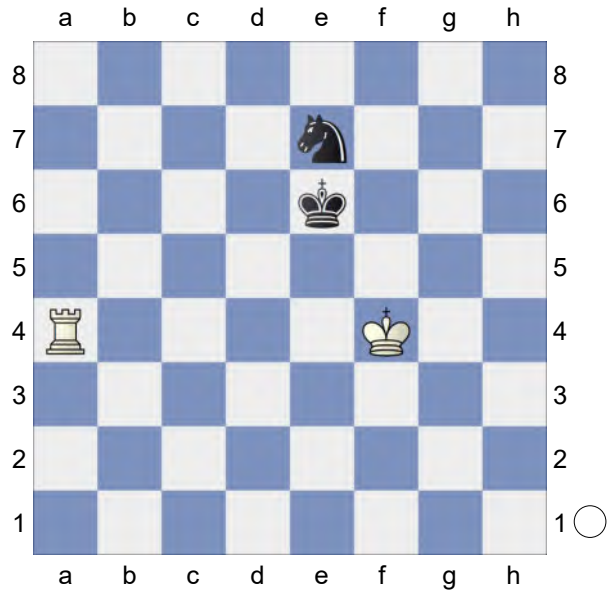


46.Rxg7 Strongly threatening Kf3.
46...Kxf4 KR-KN **47.Kf2 Ng4+ 48.Kg2 Ne3+ 49.Kh3 Nf5 50.Rg4+ Ke5**

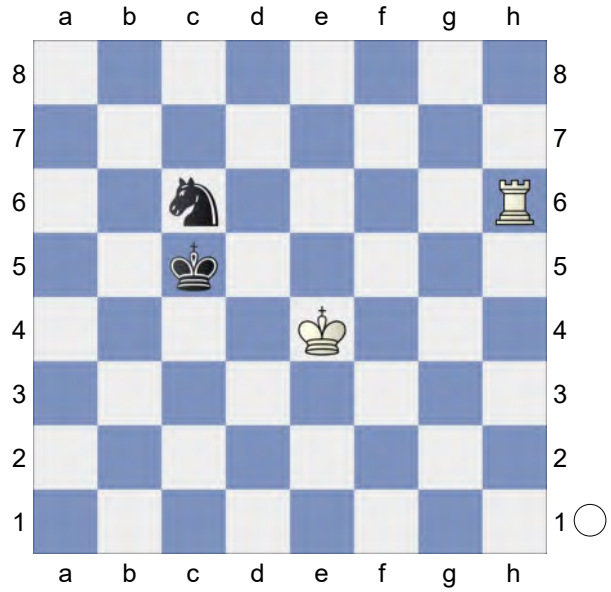


51.Ra4 Kf6 52.Kg4 White wants to mate with Ra6+. **52...Ne3+ 53.Kxh4 Nf5+ 54.Kg4** Threatening mate with

Rf4. **54...Ne7 55.Kf4 Ke6**



56.Ra5 Kd6 57.Ke4 Nc6 58.Rd5+ Kc7 59.Rh5 Kd6 60.Rh6+ Kc5



61.Rh1 Kd6 62.Rc1 Ne7 63.Rd1+ Ke6 64.Ra1 Kd6 65.Kd4 Nc6+

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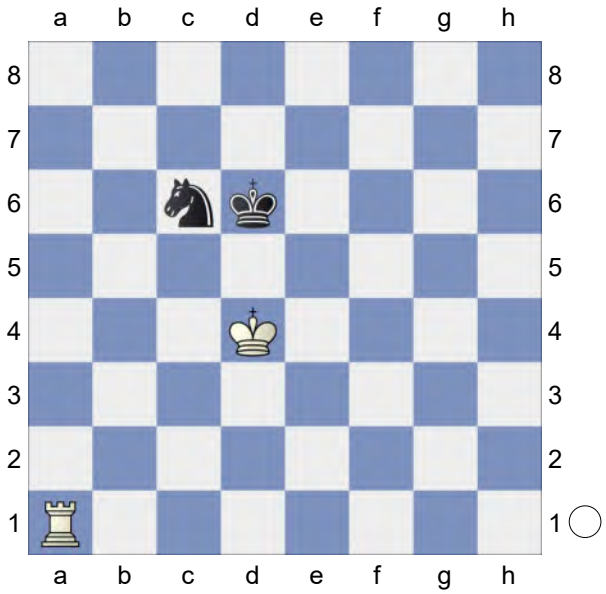
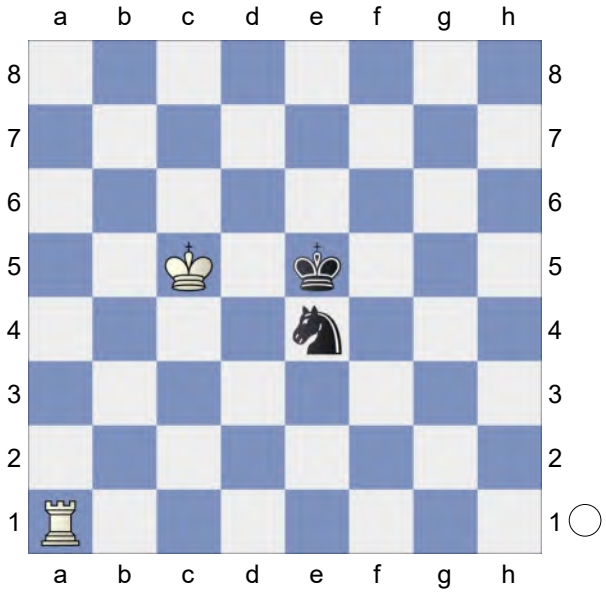


66.Kc4 Ne7 67.Ra6+ Ke5 68.Kc5 Nf5 69.Ra4 Ng3 70.Ra1 Ne4+



71.Kc4 Nd6+ 72.Kd3 Nf5 73.Re1+ Kf6 74.Rf1 Intending Ke4 and mate.
74...Ke5 75.Re1+ -0.01/32
[75.Rb1± 0.37/31]
75...Kd5 0.36/31
[75...Kf6!= -0.01/32]

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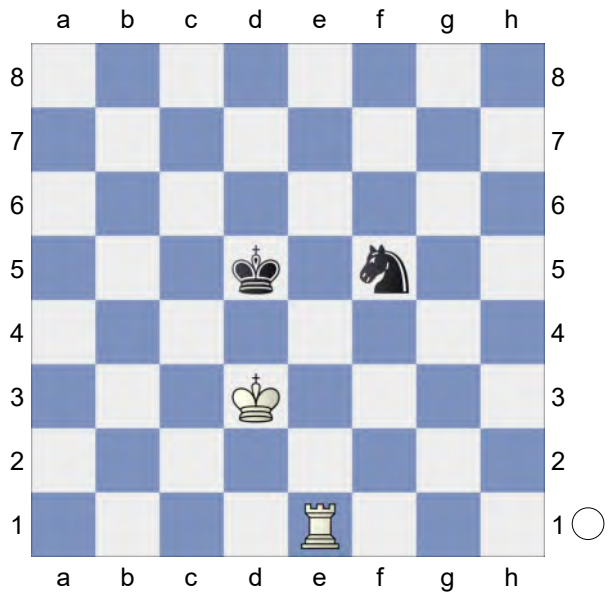
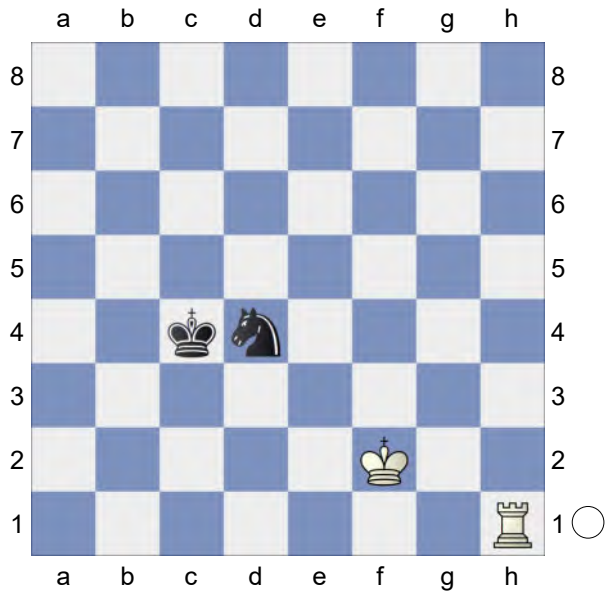


76.Rd1 Ke5 77.Ke2 Ke4 78.Re1 Nd4+ 79.Kf2+ Kd3 80.Rh1 Kc4



81.Rh3 Kd5 82.Ke3 Rh5+ would kill now. **82...Kc4?** #14/26 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[82...Nf5+= 0.29/20 83.Kf4 Ne7]

83.Rh4 Kc3 84.Rxd4 KR-K **84...Kb3 85.Kd3** 5.67/5

[⌓85.Kd2 #5/12 Kb2 86.Rd3 Kb1 87.Kc3 Kc1 88.Kb3 Kb1 89.Rd1#]

85...Kb2+-

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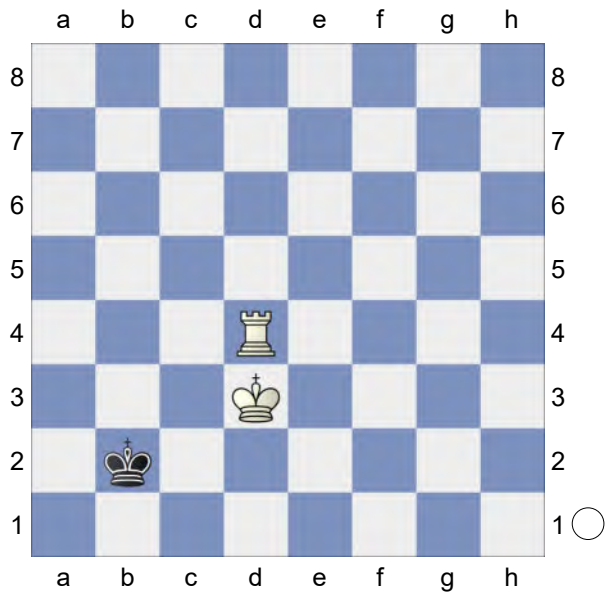
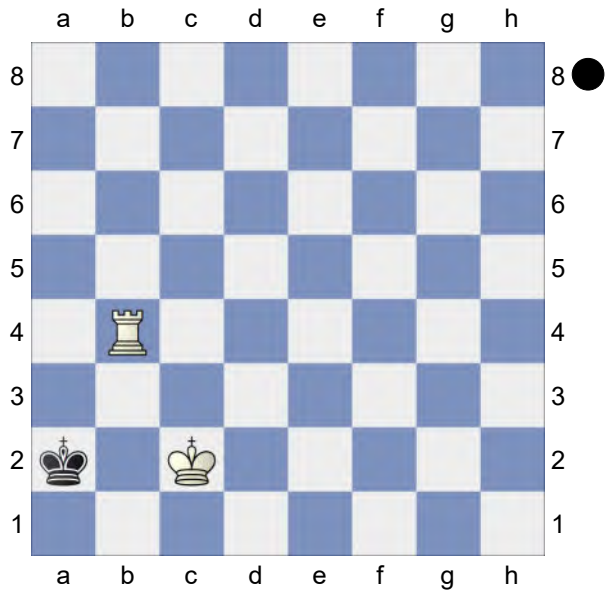


86.Rc4 White mates. **86...Kb3 87.Kd4 Kb2 88.Rb4+ Ka3 89.Kc3 Ka2 90.Kc2**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

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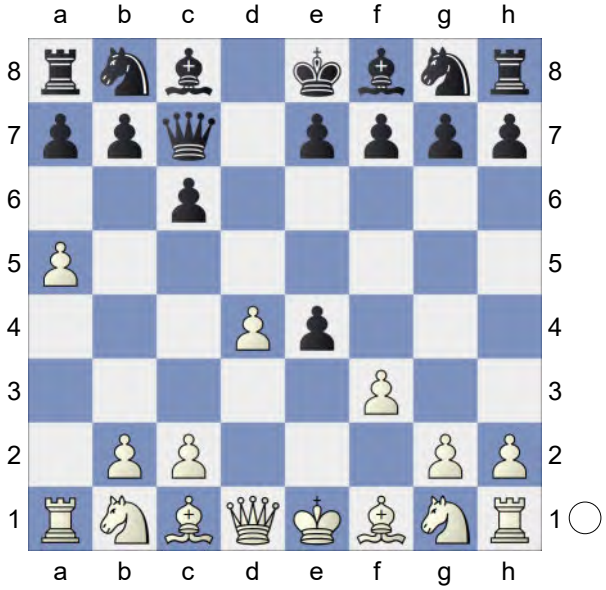
54 **B12**
□ **Jepetto** **3051**
■ **The Great Evil** **2755**
Blitz 09.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.f3 d5 3.d4 Qb6 4.a4 dxe4 5.a5 Qc7



6.fxe4 e5 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Bc4 White has an edge. **8...Bc5N**
[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Nxd4 Nf6 11.0-0 Bc5 12.Rxf6 Bxd4+ 13.Qxd4 gxf6 14.Qxf6 Rf8 15.Qxe6+ Qe7 16.Qc8+ Qd8 17.Qe6+ Qe7 18.Qc8+ Qd8 19.Qe6+ ½-½ Intro & 9 Be3 (2485)-11. ♕f2 ♗d4 12. ♗d4_9961 (2593) Chapter 5 Game 23]
9.0-0! Hoping for Ng5! White has compensation.
[9.Nxd4 Nd7∓]
9...Nf6 10.Ng5 0-0 4.27/20
[10...Bd6± 0.54/17]

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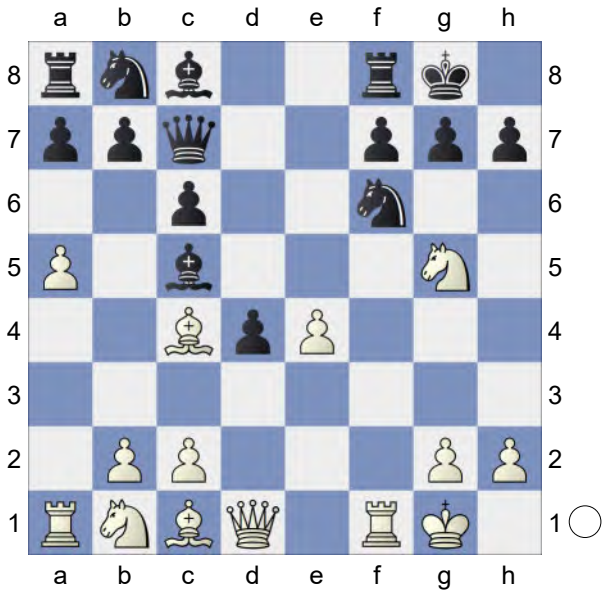
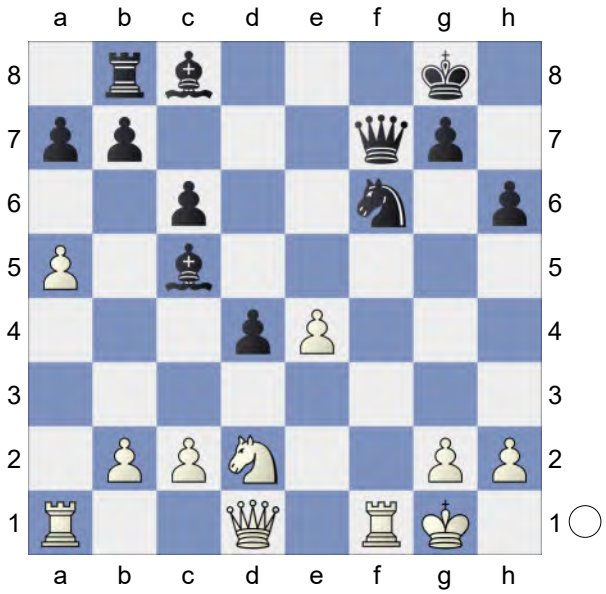
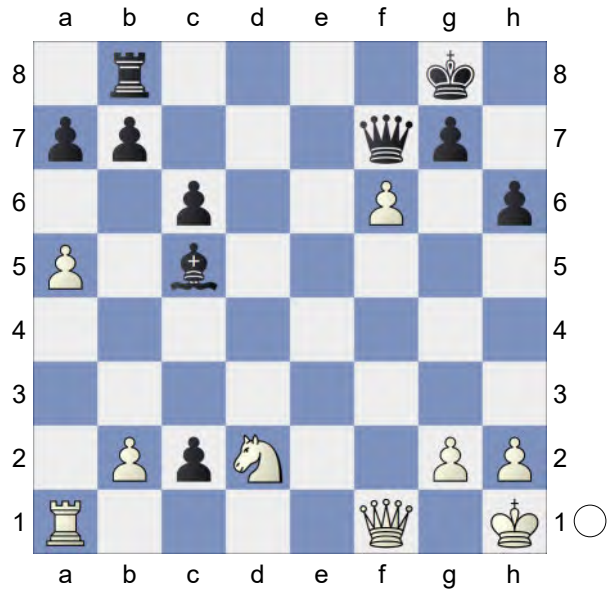


11.Bf4? -0.66/20
[11.Rxf6+- 4.27/20 White threatens Qh5! and mate. d3+ *(11...gxf6? 12.Qh5+-)* 12.Kh1 *(12.Rf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 dxc2±)* 12...gxf6 13.Qh5]
11...Qe7 12.Nd2 h6 13.Nxf7 -0.92/22
[13.Ngf3∓ -0.52/20]
13...Rxf7∓ 14.Bxf7+ Qxf7
[14...Kxf7 15.e5 Nbd7 *(15...d3+? 16.Kh1+-)* 16.Nc4+- *(16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Nf3 Kg8±)*]
15.Bxb8 Rxb8



16.e5 Bg4 17.Qe1 Strongly threatening

Ne4! **17...d3+ 18.Kh1 Be2** -0.08/22
[Black should try 18...Re8∓ -1.00/21 Threatens to win with ...Qd5. 19.Qg3 dxc2 20.exf6 Be2]
19.exf6 -1.27/22
[19.Rxf6= -0.08/22 gxf6 20.Ne4]
19...Bxf1 20.Qxf1 dxc2
[20...gxf6 21.Qxd3 Re8 22.Ne4±]



White must now prevent ...Rd8. Black is more active. **21.Qf5 Bd4**
[21...Qxf6 22.Qxc5 Qxb2 23.Rf1∓]
22.Qxc2 Bxf6
[22...gxf6?! 23.Nf3 Rd8 24.Rd1±]
23.Ne4 Re8? 1.39/23
[23...Bd4∓ -1.24/20 and life is bright. 24.Nd6 Qd5]
24.Rf1? -0.94/25
[24.Nd6± 1.39/23 is forced if you want to stay better. Qd7 25.Qc4+ *(25.Nxe8 Qxe8 26.Rf1 h5+-)* 25...Kh8 26.Nxe8 Qxe8 27.Rf1]

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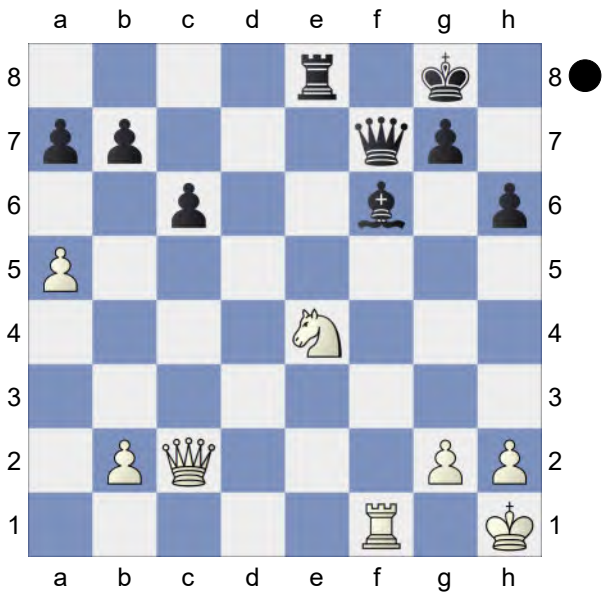
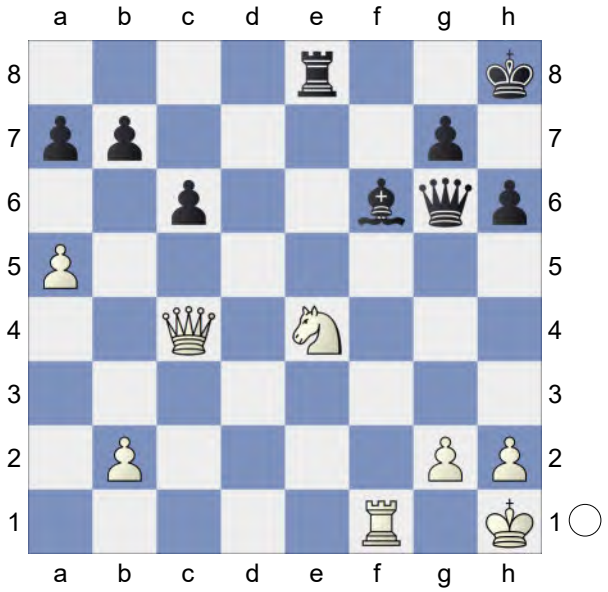


24...Qg6 0.17/25
[24...Qe6!∓ -0.94/25 25.Nxf6+ Qxf6]
25.Qc4+= Kh8



26.Nxf6 gxf6± Endgame. KQR-KQR
27.h3 -0.01/22
[27.a6± 0.45/24 Rg8 28.Rg1]
27...a6= 28.Rf4 h5 29.Qf1 Kg7 30.Rf3 Re5

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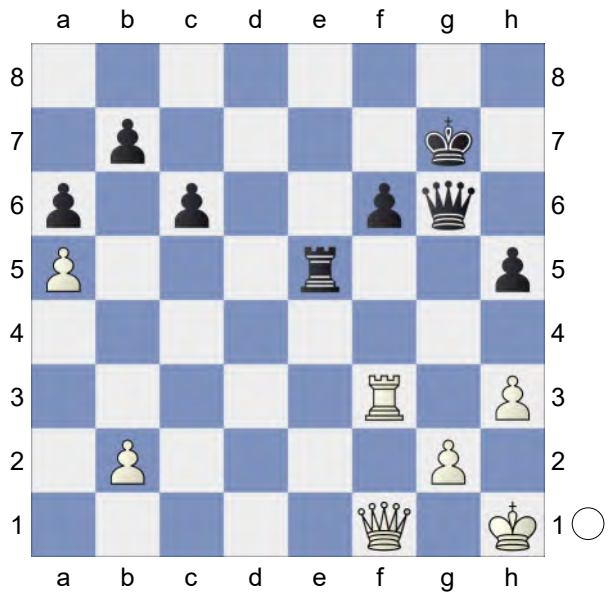
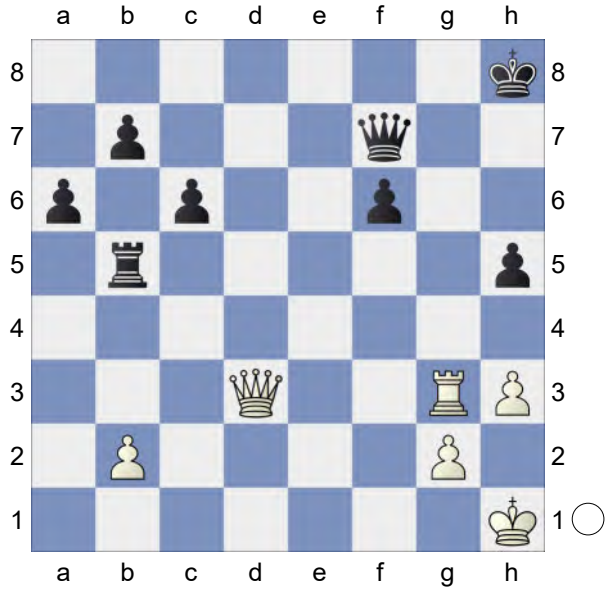


31.Qf2 Rxa5
[31...Qf7 simplifies 32.Rg3+ Rg5 33.Qe3 Rxg3 34.Qxg3+ Kh7]
32.Qb6 Rb5 33.Qd8 Qf7 34.Rg3+ Kh7 35.Qd3+! Kh8



36.Qd2

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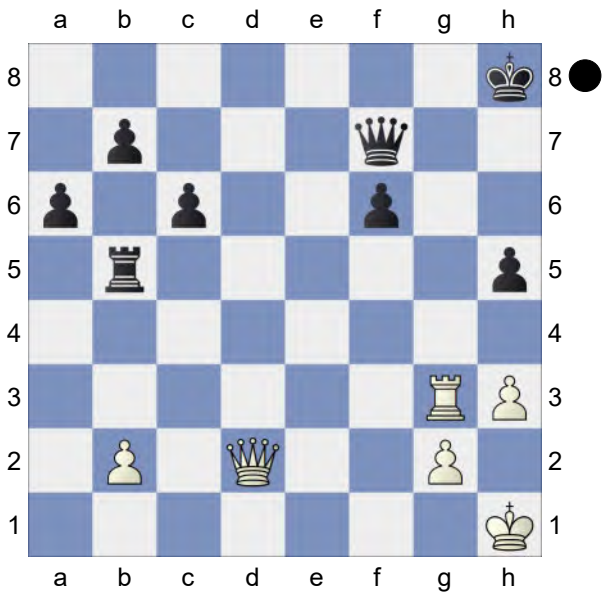
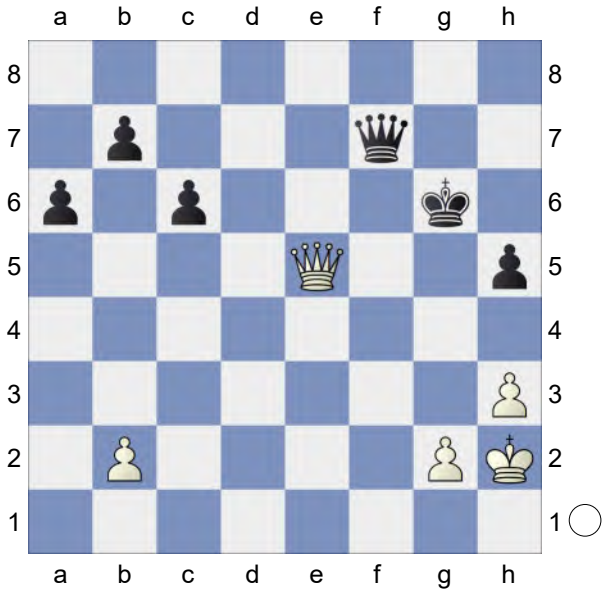


Rg5! 37.Rxg5 fxg5 38.Qxg5 KQ-KQ
38...Kh7 39.Qe5 Kh6 40.Kh2 Kg6



41.Qg3+ Kf6 42.Qd6+ Qe6 -0.01/24
[42...Kf5!∓ -0.39/25]
43.Qd8+ Qe7 44.Qh8+ Kg6 45.Qd4 Qf6 -0.01/24
[45...Qc7+!∓ -0.46/23 46.Kh1 Qf7]

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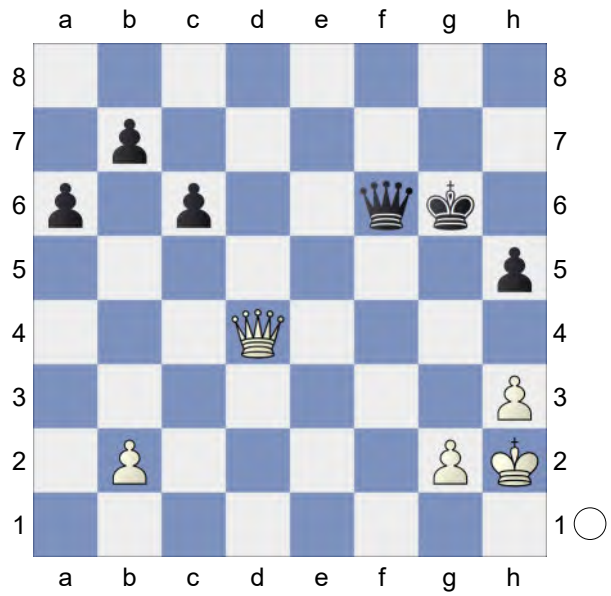
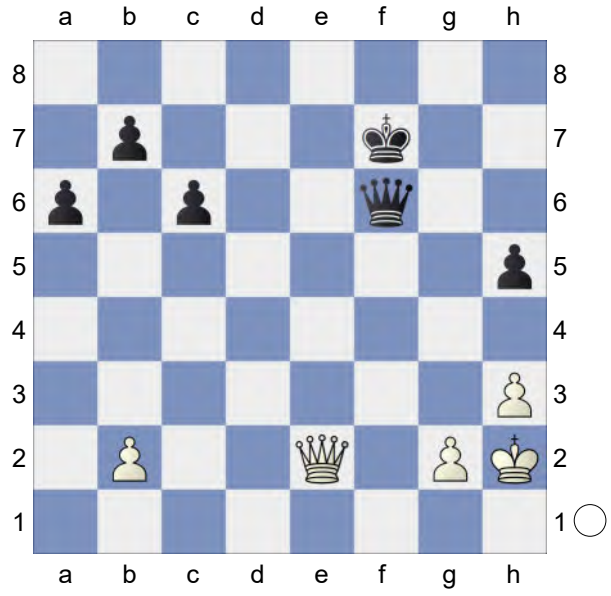
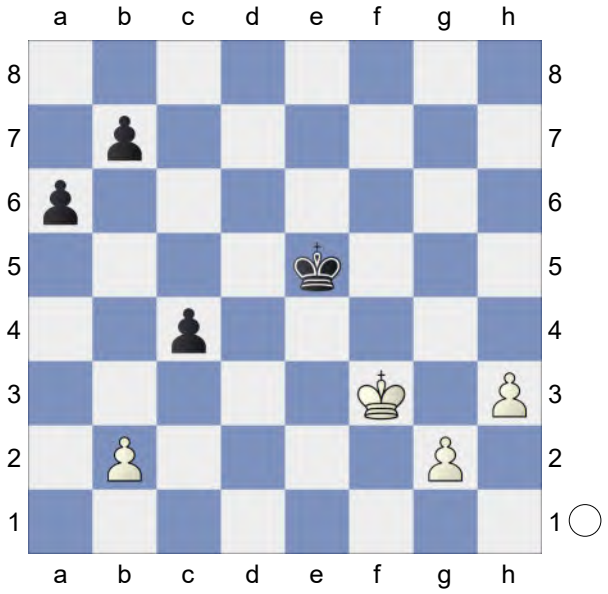


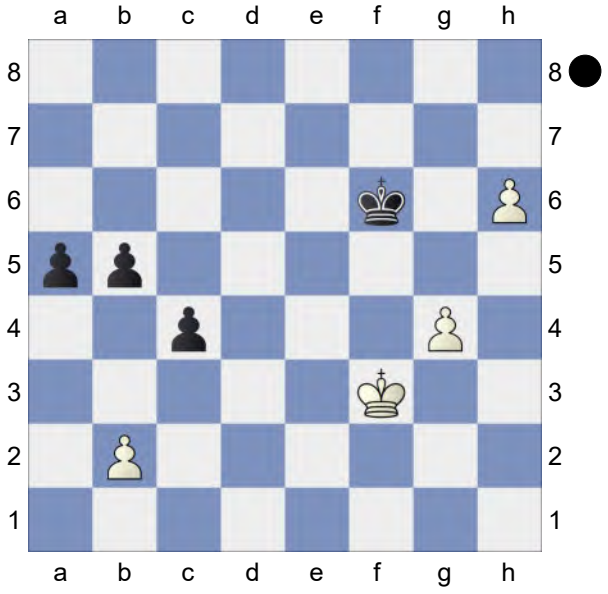
46.Qe4+ -0.49/23
[46.Qd3+= -0.01/24 Kg5 47.h4+ Kf4 *(47...Kxh4 48.Qg3#; 47...Kh6 48.Qd2+ Kg7 49.Qd7+ Qf7 50.Qd6=)* 48.Qf3+ Ke5 49.Qxh5+ Kd6 50.b4]
46...Qf5 -0.07/23
[46...Kg7∓ -0.49/23]
47.Qe8+ Qf7 48.Qe5 Qf6 Prevents Kg1 **49.Qe4+ Kg7 50.Qe2 Kf7** 0.01/22
[Black should play 50...Qf4+∓ -0.53/21 51.Kh1 Qg5]



51.Qxh5+ Ke6 52.Qe2+ Qe5+ 53.Qxe5+ Kxe5 K3P-K3P **54.Kg3 c5 55.Kf3 c4**



56.h4 b5 57.h5 a5 58.h6? -9.86/24
[58.Ke3= 0.01/23]
58...Kf6-+ 59.g4



c3! 60.g5+
[60.bxc3 a4]
60...Kg6
[60...Kxg5 61.h7 cxb2 62.h8Q=]

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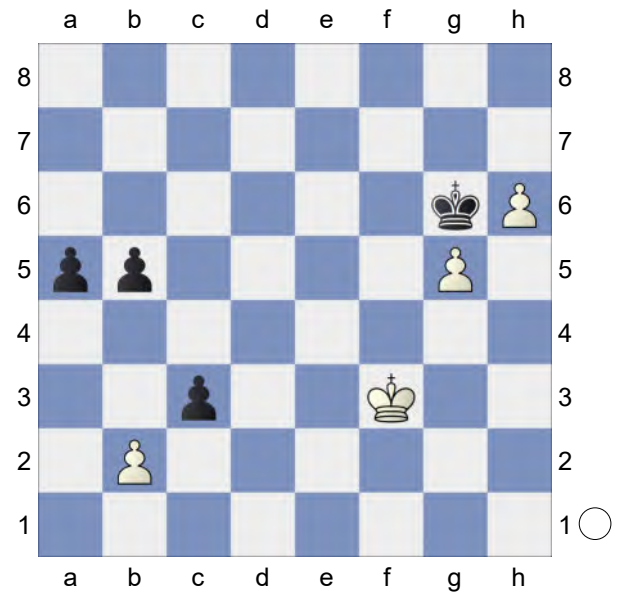
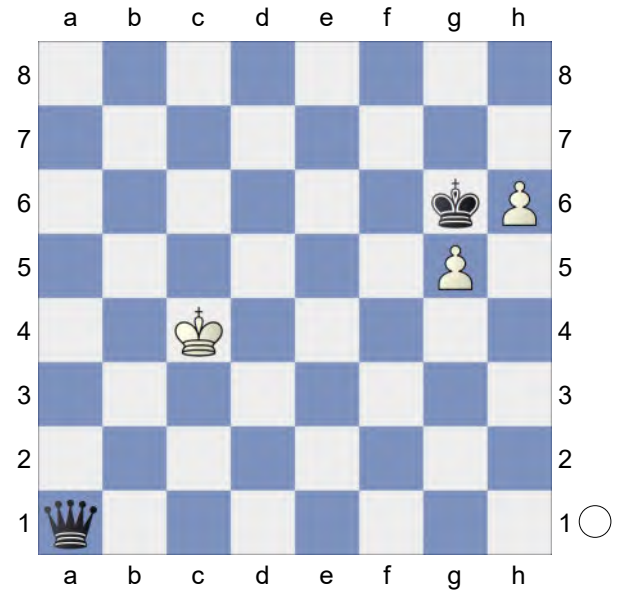
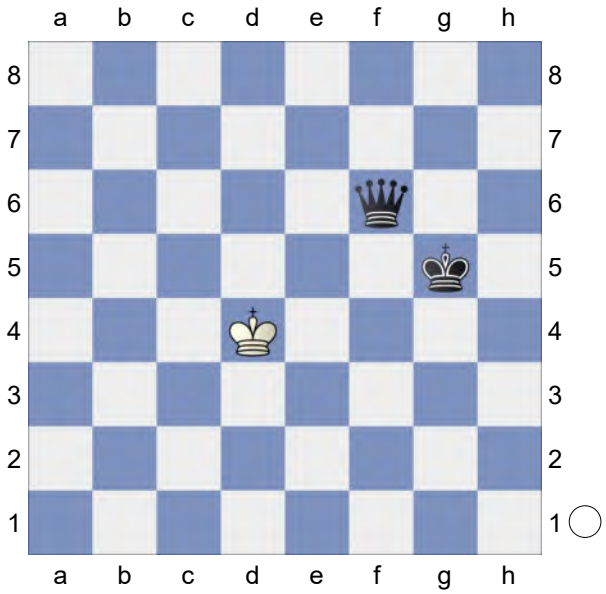


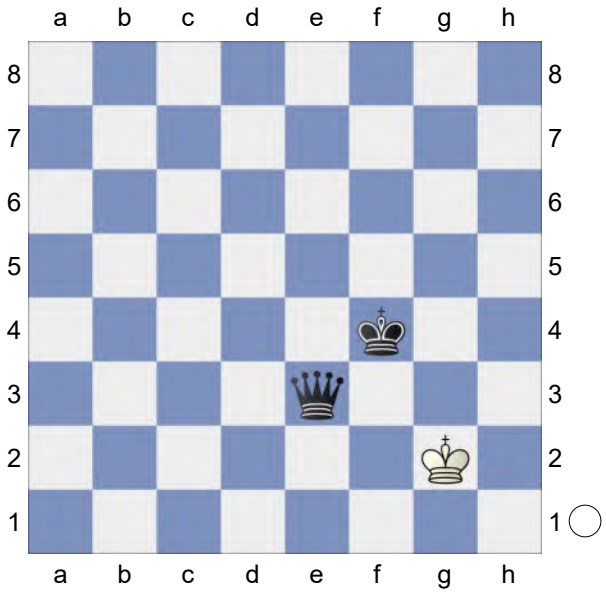
61.bxc3 K3P-KPP **61...a4 62.Ke3 a3** (-> ...a2!)
[62...Kxg5 63.h7 Kf5 64.h8Q *(64.h8R Ke6+-)* 64...a3 65.Qa8 Ke6 66.Qxa3 Kd5 67.Kf4 *(67.Kd3 Ke5 68.Qc5+ Ke6 69.Ke4 Kf6 70.Qc6+ Kg5 71.Ke5 Kg4 72.Qg2+ Kh4 73.Kf5 Kh5 74.Qh3#)*]
63.c4 bxc4 KPP-KPP **64.Kd4 a2 65.Kxc4 a1Q**
[Weaker is 65...a1B 66.Kc5=]



66.Kd5 Kxg5 67.Ke4 Qh8 68.h7 Qxh7+ 69.Kd5 Qh6 70.Kd4 Qf6+



71.Kd3 Kf5 72.Ke3 Qe6+ 73.Kf2 Qe4 74.Kg3 Qe3+ 75.Kg2 Kf4 -10.32/5
[⌓75...Kg4 -#4/10 76.Kf1 Qd2 77.Kg1 Kg3 78.Kh1 Qh2#]



76.Kh2 Qf3 Black mates. **77.Kg1 Qe2 78.Kh1 Kg3 79.Kg1 Qe1#**

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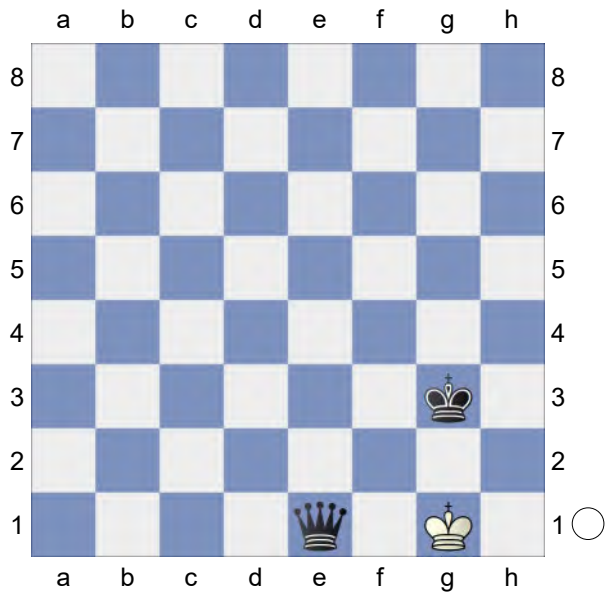

Black used his chance.
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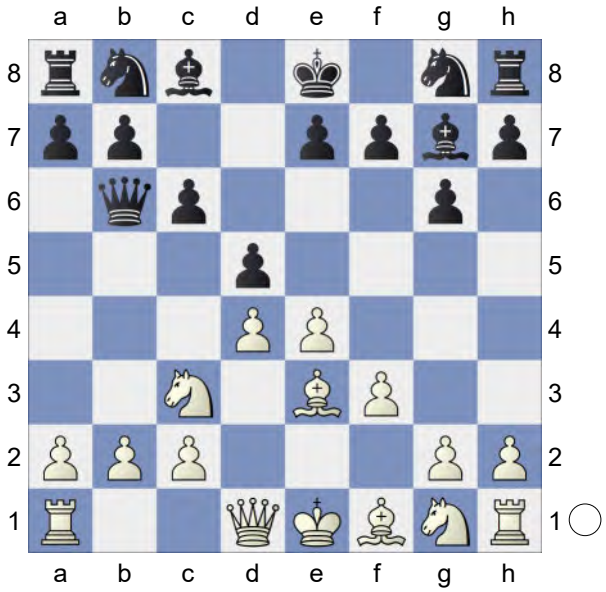
0-1

55 **B12**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2966**
■ **Kaputvsemu** **2785**
Blitz 19.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Qb6



6.Qd2 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.exd5 Nf6 9.Bc4 0-0 10.Nge2 Black is slightly better. **10...Qd6N**
[10...cxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6 *(12...Rd8 13.Bxb7 Bxb7 14.Rxb7 Nc6* Fantasy Variation With-Fantasy 3...g6 with 5. Be3,6*)* 13.Kf2 Rd8 14.c4 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rxb7 Qa6 17.Rb5 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 e5 19.Re1 Rac8 20.Rd5 exd4 21.Bg5 Rxd5 22.cxd5 d3 23.Qe3 Qxa2+ 24.Kg3 Qxd5 25.Qxe7 0-1 (29) 4.h3 ♗g7 5. ♘f3 de4 6. ♘e (2612)-Den Hamer,A (2551) Daring Defences 2015 (1.2)]

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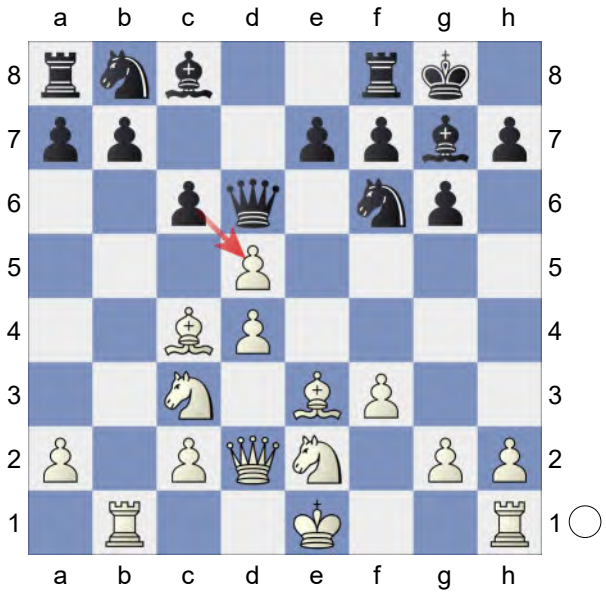
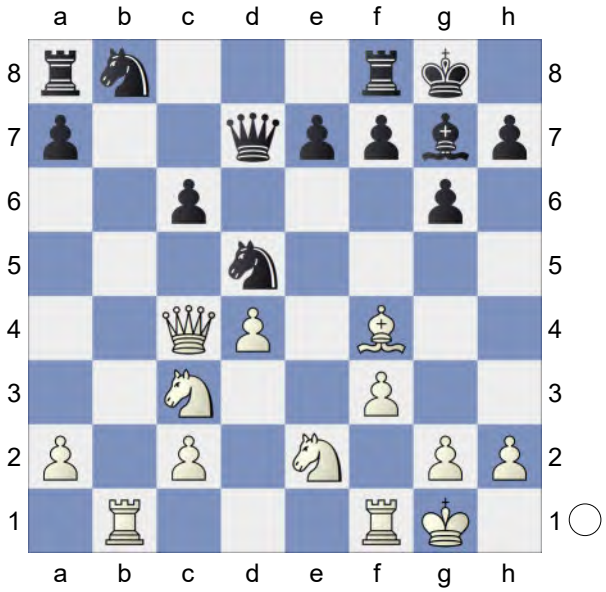
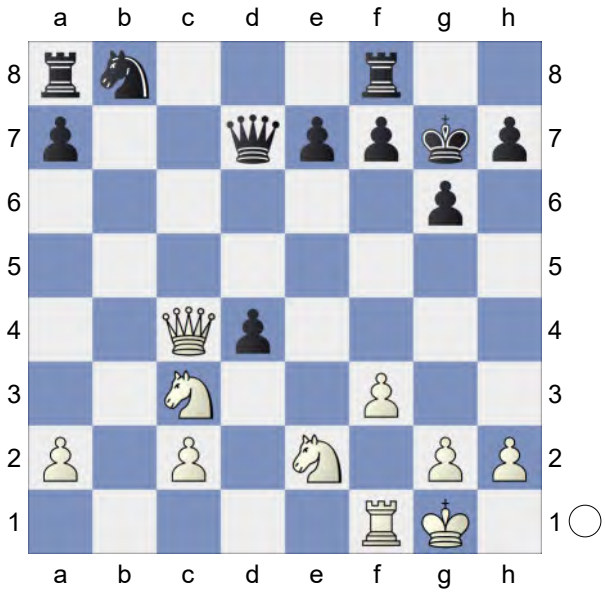


11.dxc6 bxc6 1.95/19
[11...Nxc6= -0.14/18 12.Ne4 Qc7]
12.0-0? 0.16/18
[12.Bf4+- 1.95/19 Qd8 13.Rxb8 *(13.Bxb8 Bh3+-)* 13...Rxb8 14.Bxb8]
12...Ba6= 13.Bf4 Qd7 14.Qd3 -0.42/21
[14.Bd3= 0.00/16 Bxd3 15.cxd3]
14...Bxc4∓ 15.Qxc4 Nd5↑

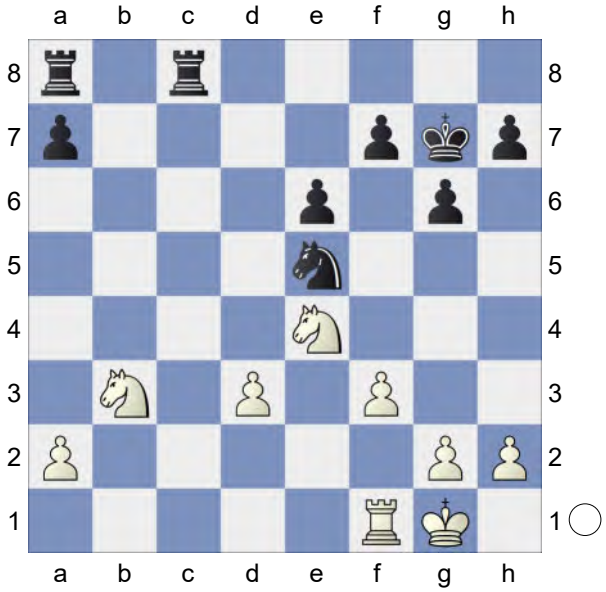


Threatens to win with ...Nxf4. Black has the initiative. **16.Be5** -1.41/20
Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[16.Bd2= -0.18/17 remains equal.]

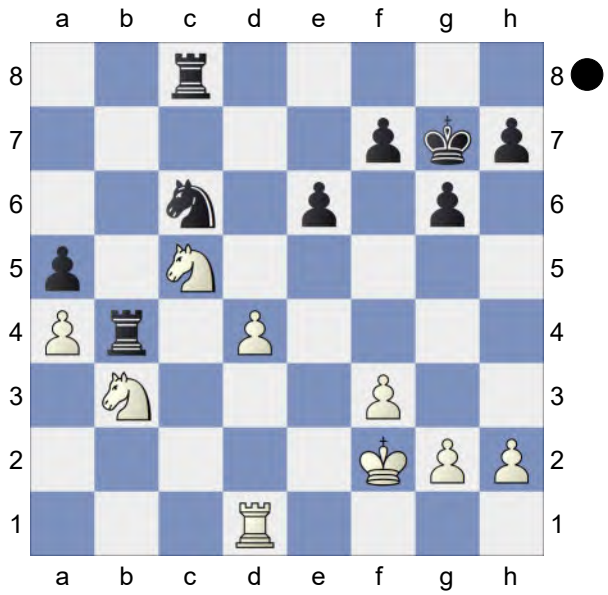
16...Ne3∓ 17.Qa4 -1.84/21
[17.Qd3∓ -1.42/18 was worth a try. Nxf1 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Rxf1]
17...Nxf1-+ 18.Rxf1 -2.23/21
[18.Kxf1∓ -1.59/20 Bxe5 19.dxe5]
18...c5 19.Qc4 -3.34/21
[⌓19.Bxg7 -2.16/20 Kxg7 20.d5]
19...cxd4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7



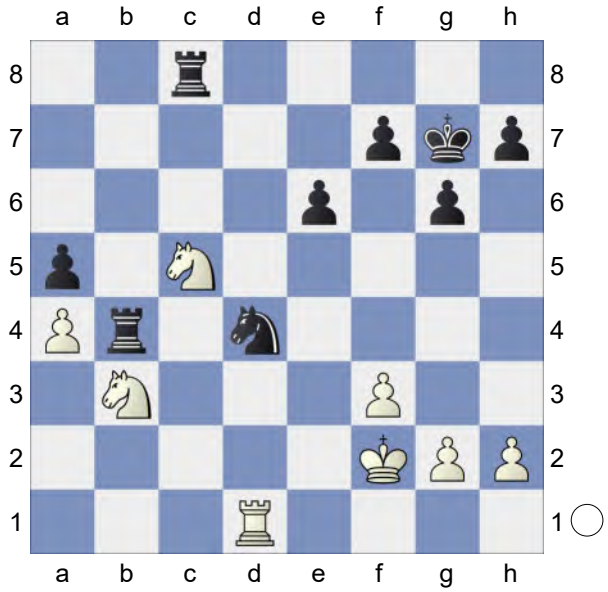
21.Nxd4 Rc8 22.Qd3 Nc6 23.Nb3 Qxd3 24.cxd3 e6 25.Ne4 Ne5



26.Nec5 a5 Hoping for ...a4. **27.a4 Rab8 28.Rd1 Rb4** And now ...Nd7! would win. **29.d4 Nc6 30.Kf2?** -6.70/22
[30.d5 -3.62/20 exd5 31.Rxd5]



30...Nxd4!



Black is clearly winning. **31.Rxd4**
[31.Rc1 Nxb3]
31...Rxd4 32.Nxe6+ fxe6 33.Nxd4 Rc4 34.Nxe6+ Kf6 35.Nd8 Rc7

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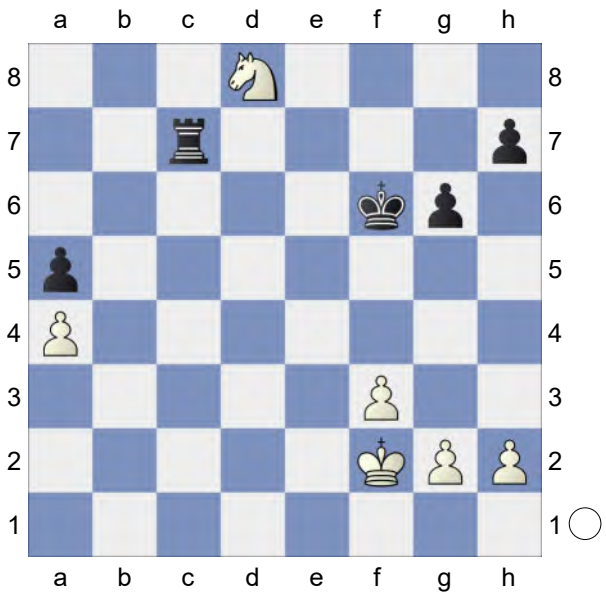

Against Nb7.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.40
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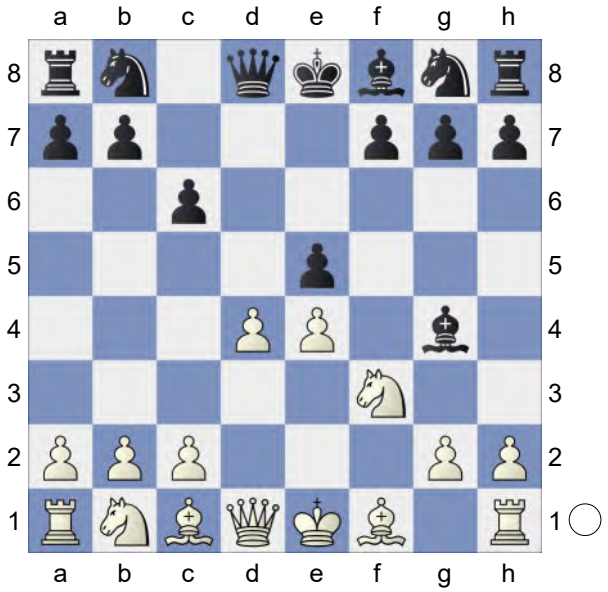
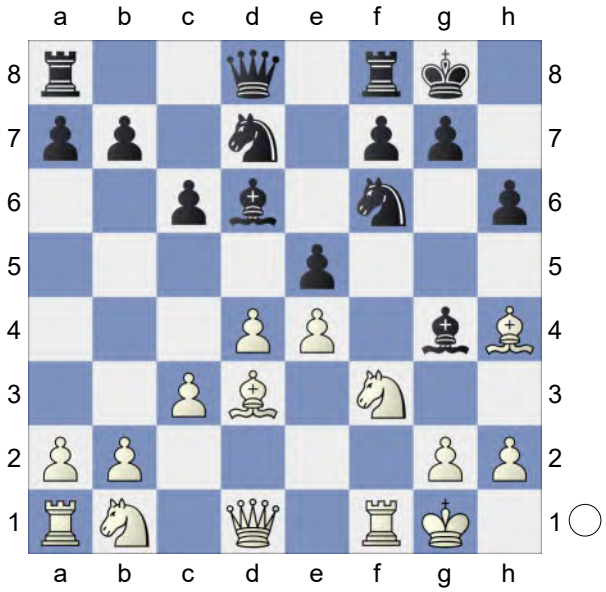
56 **B12**
□ **Mrbochwalt** **2954**
■ **Vincentkeymer2004** **2965**
Blitz 01.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4
[1.Nh3]
1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.c3 Nd7 7.Bd3
[7.Bc4 Bh5 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Qe1 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Qh4 Bg6 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.Kh1 b5 15.Bb3 c5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bd5 b4 20.Re3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rb8 1-0 (36) Maiko,J (2377)-3. ♘c3 ♘c6 4. d4 d5 5.ed5 î (2070) 71/325 Wijk aan Zee 1998 (1)]
7...Ngf6 8.0-0 The position is equal.
8...Bd6 9.Bg5N
[9.Na3 b5 10.Nc2 0-0 11.Ne3 Bh5 12.Nf5 Qc7 13.Qe1 *(13.Qc2 Bg6 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Bg5 c5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Bxb5 Bxe4 20.Qf2 Rab8 21.Bd7 Rfd8 22.Rad1 Rb6 23.Rfe1 f5 24.Qh4 Qf6 25.Qxf6 Rxf6 26.Ba4 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rg6* (60) Caruana,F (2670)-Nielsen,P (2680) 108/(240) Amsterdam 2009*)* 13...Bg6 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Bg5 Rfe8 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Rd1 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3... dxe4 / 6.c3: 6...Nd7 #2]
[9.a4 Bc7 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.cxd4 Nc5 12.Bc2 Ne6 13.Nb3 Bxf3 14.Rxf3 Bb6 15.Be3 Ng4 Chapter The Fantasy Variat-Fantasy Variation 5.Nf3 Bg4 6]
[9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Nc4 Bc7 11.Bg5 3...dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3-5...Bg4 6.c3 _2486 2022]
9...h6 10.Bh4 0-0



11.Nbd2 b5 12.Qe1 Re8 13.Kh1 a6 14.a4 Qc7 15.Qf2 Nh5

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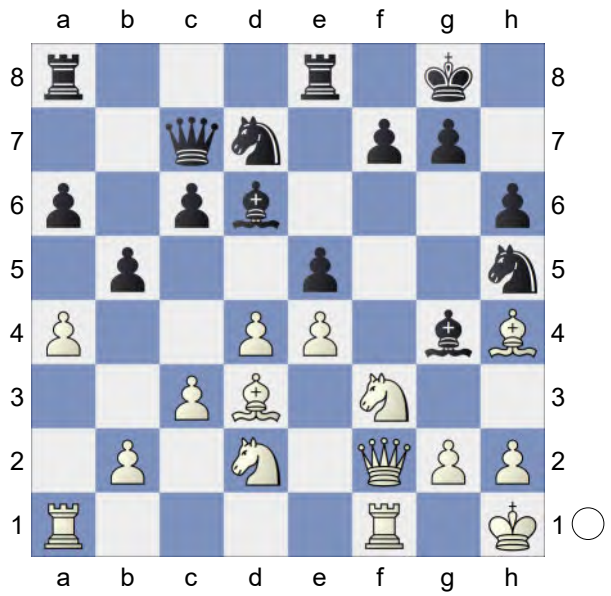
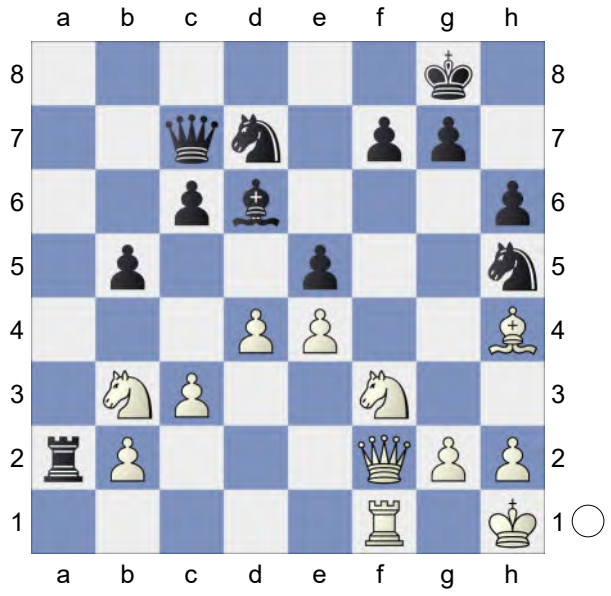


16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Rxa8 18.Bc2 Be6 19.Bb3 -0.68/17
[19.dxe5= -0.27/18 Nxe5 20.Nd4]
19...Bxb3∓ 20.Nxb3 Ra2 -0.02/20
[Black should play 20...Ndf6∓ -0.68/19]



21.Nc1= Ra1 22.Nd3 Wards off c5
22...Rxf1+ 23.Qxf1 g5 24.Bf2 Nf4 Inhibits Qe2. **25.Nxf4 exf4**

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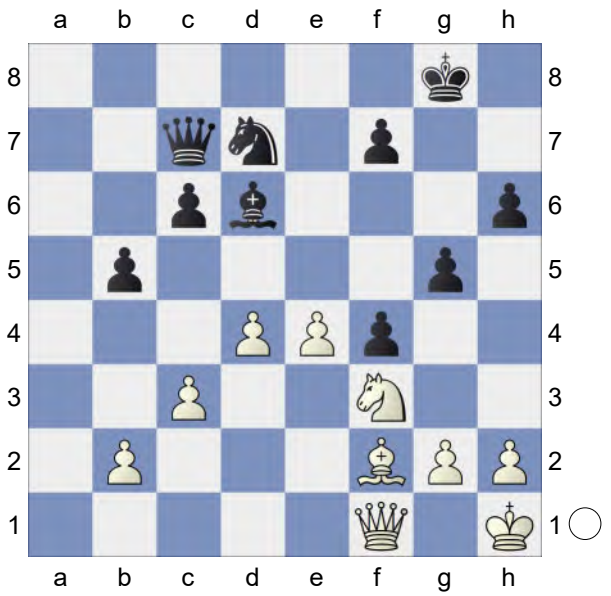
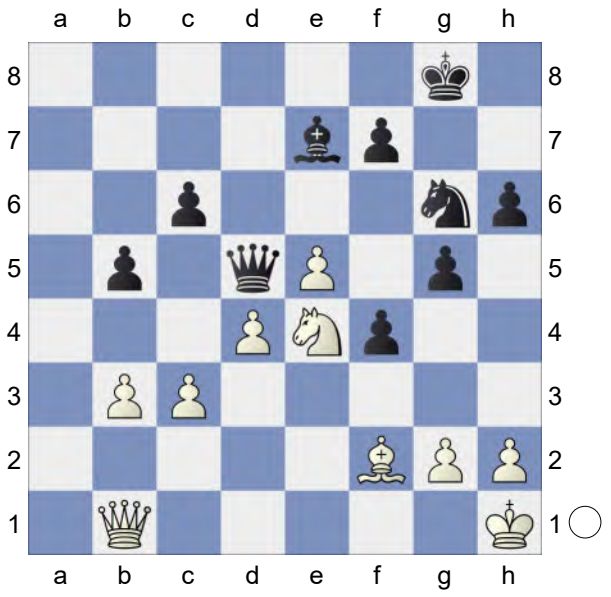


26.e5 Be7 27.Qb1 Nf8 28.Nd2 Qd7 29.Ne4 -0.78/18
[29.h3= -0.22/18 remains equal.]
29...Qd5 30.b3 Ng6



31.Qc2 g4 -0.14/20
[31...Qd7∓ -0.53/19]
32.c4 bxc4 33.bxc4 Qa5 0.01/20
[33...Qd7!∓ -0.44/22]
34.Qd1 -0.60/18
[34.e6= 0.01/20]
34...h5 35.h3 Qa2

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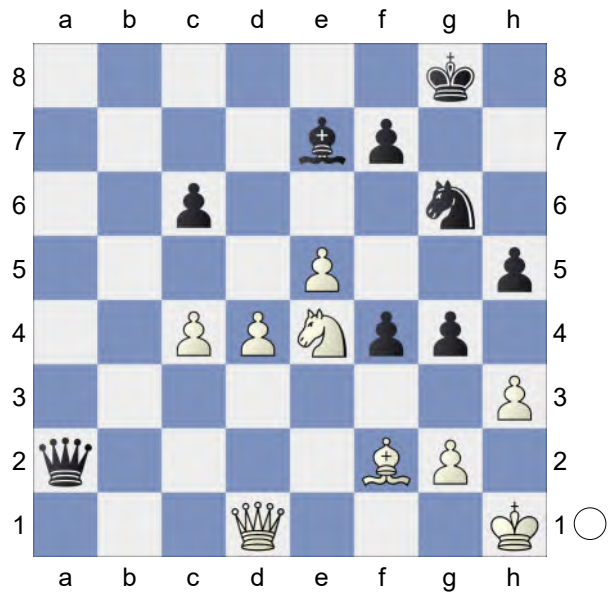
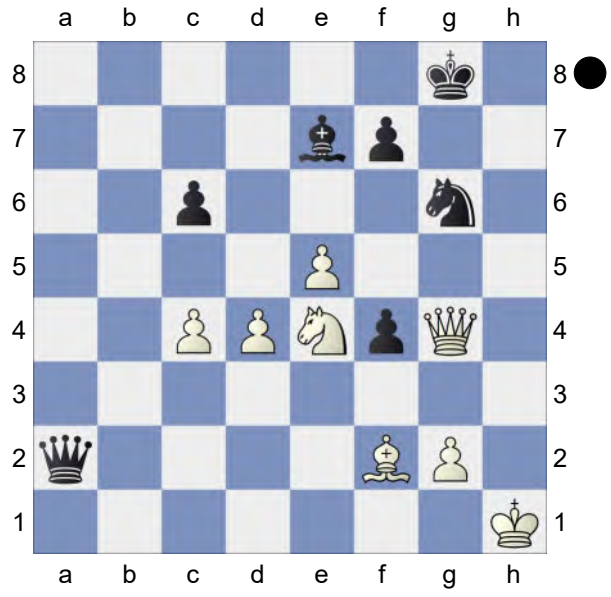
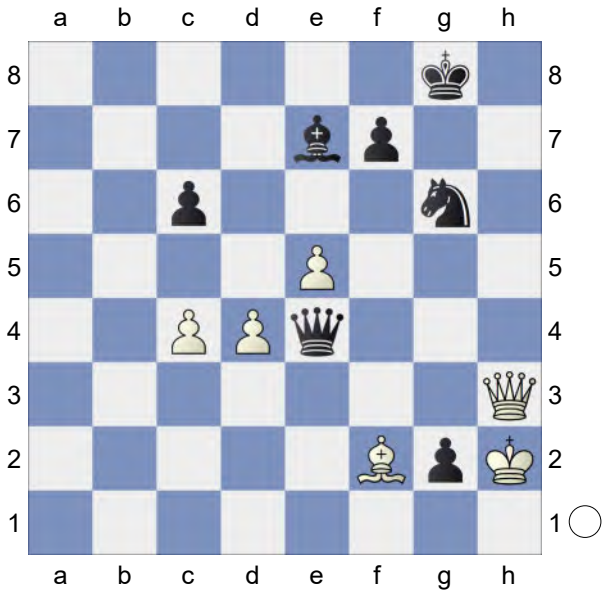


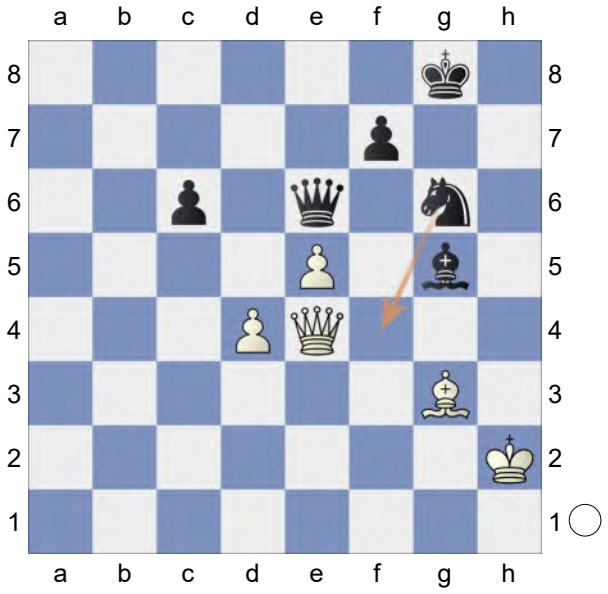
36.hxg4 -0.96/21
[36.Qd3∓ -0.45/19]
36...hxg4∓ Threatens to win with ...g3.
[36...Qxc4? is the wrong capture.
37.gxh5 Nxe5 38.Nd2+-]
37.Qxg4 -3.65/24
[37.g3!∓ -0.60/20]



Now White is beyond hope. **37...Qb1+-+**
[Stronger than 37...Qxc4 38.Qf5=]
38.Kh2 Qxe4 39.Qd7? -7.72/22
[39.c5 -3.78/21]
39...f3 Black is clearly winning. **40.Qh3 fxg2**



41.Qxg2 Qe2 42.Bg3 Qxc4 43.Qe4 Qd5 44.Qg4 Qe6 45.Qe4 Bg5



...Nf4! would now be deadly. **46.Bf2 Bf4+ 47.Bg3** -16.24/30
[⌓47.Kg2 -5.15/23]
47...Qa2+ 48.Kh3 Qb3

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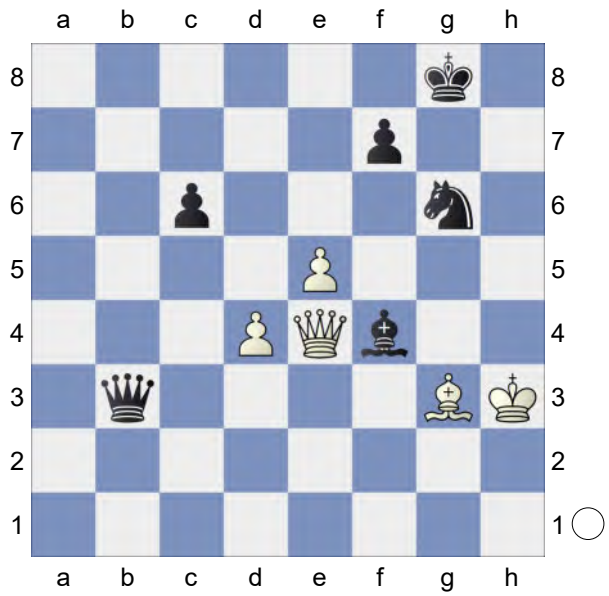

Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.31

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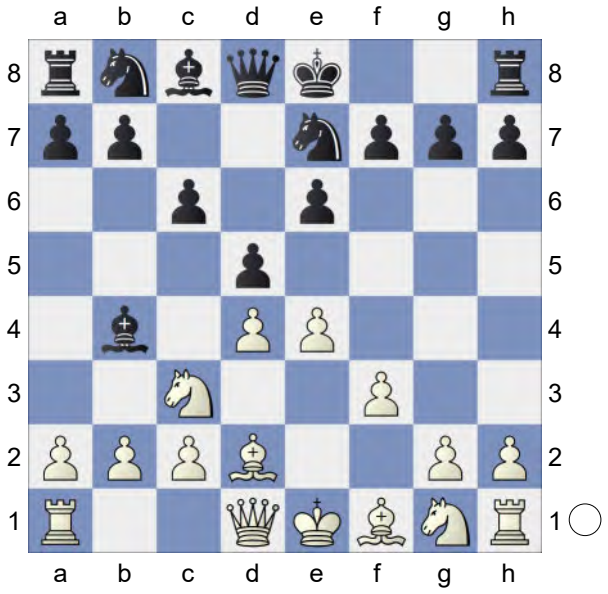
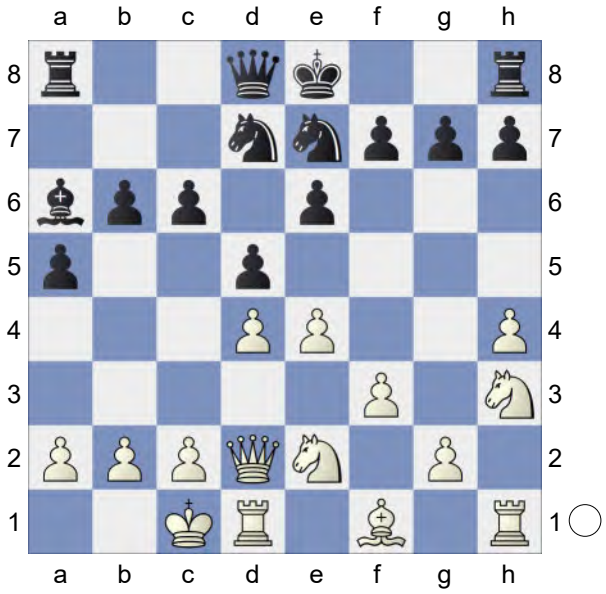
57 **B12**
□ **Mrbochwalt** **2958**
■ **Lunaticxxx** **2856**
Blitz 30.09.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7
[5...b6 6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
[5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 _ - _ 6.♗d2 c5 _52375 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)]



6.h4N
[6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3
A) 7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 *(8...c5 9.e5 a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:*)* 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.e5 h6 12.c3 a6 13.Nd6 Bc7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:;
B) 7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Qxd4 10.0-0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:]
6...Nd7 7.Nce2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 The position is equal. **8...b6 9.0-0-0 a5 10.Nh3 Ba6**



11.h5 h6 12.Nef4 0-0 1.49/21
[Better is 12...Bxf1± 0.52/17 13.Rhxf1 Qc7]
13.g4 0.90/19 White is more active.
[⌓13.Bxa6 1.49/21 And now Be2 would win. Rxa6 14.g4]
13...dxe4 1.77/19
[13...Bxf1± 0.90/19 14.Rhxf1 Qc7]
14.fxe4+- e5 2.30/20
[⌓14...Bxf1 1.80/18 15.Rhxf1 Kh7]
15.dxe5 Bxf1

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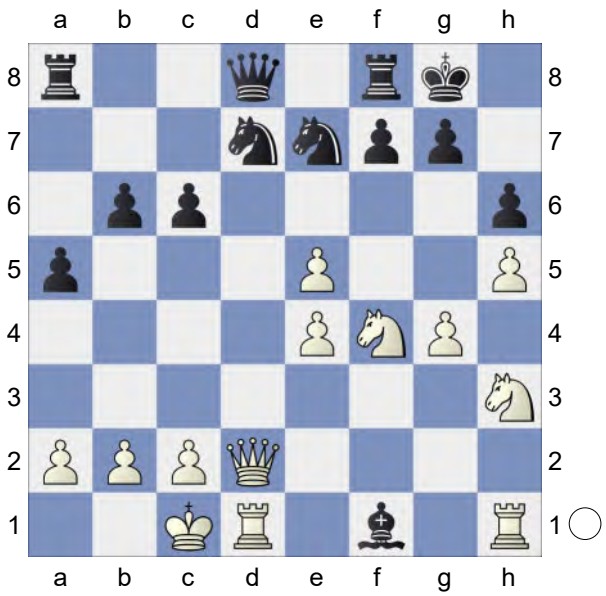
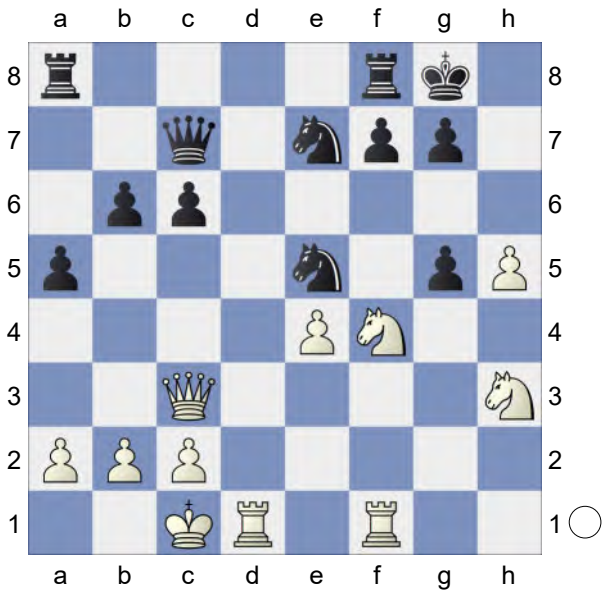


16.Rhxf1 Nxe5 17.Qc3 Qc7 18.g5 hxg5 4.04/20
[18...Rae8 2.08/19 19.gxh6 gxh6]



19.Nxg5 Ng4 20.Qg3 White is clearly winning. **20...Nh6**

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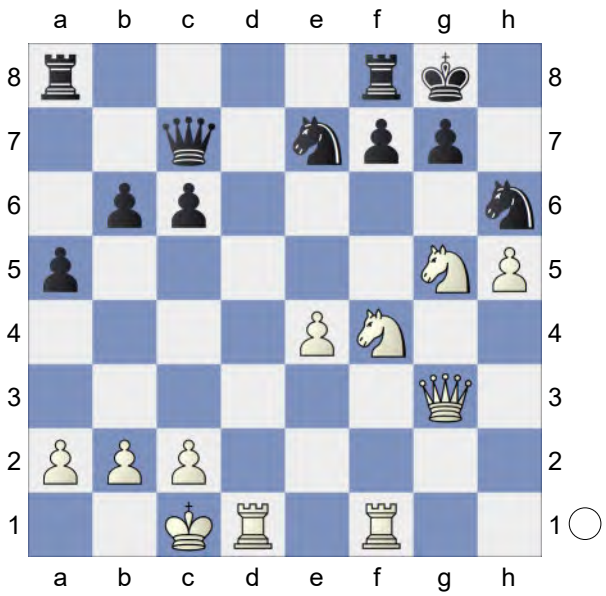
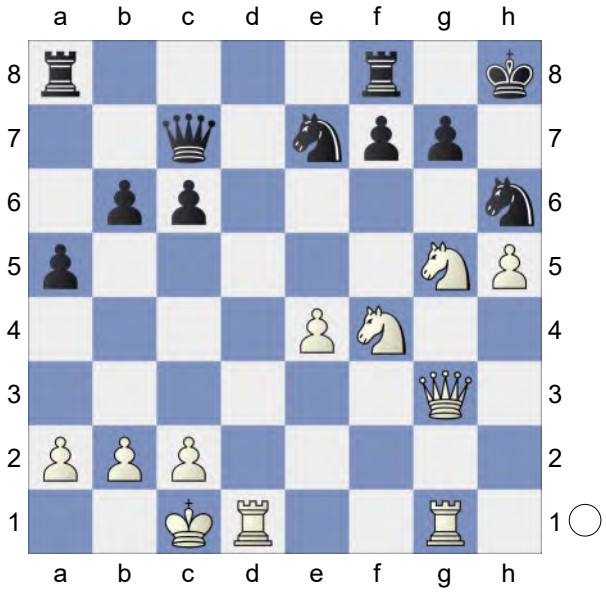


21.Rg1 Kh8 14.38/23
[⌓21...Nef5 4.57/20 22.exf5 Nxf5]



22.Ng6+!

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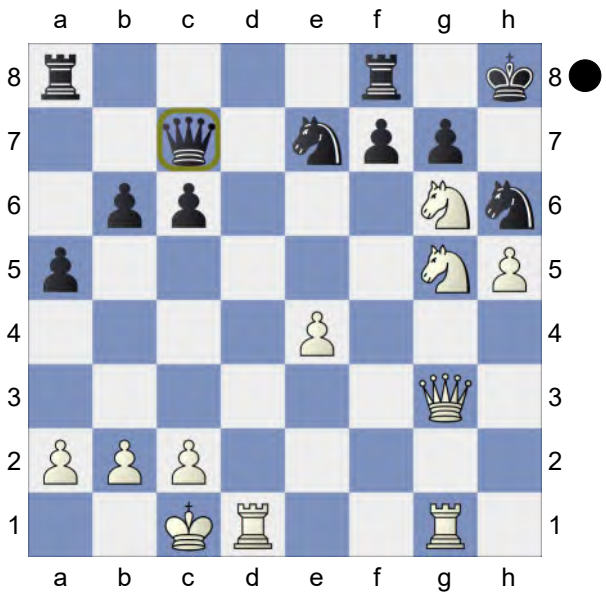
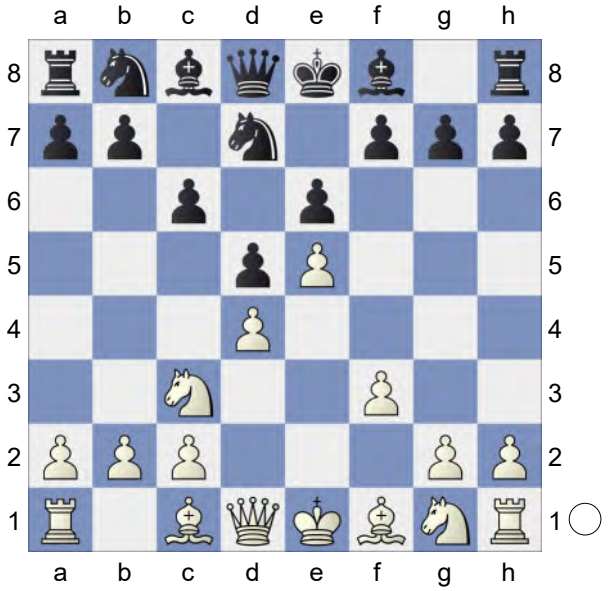


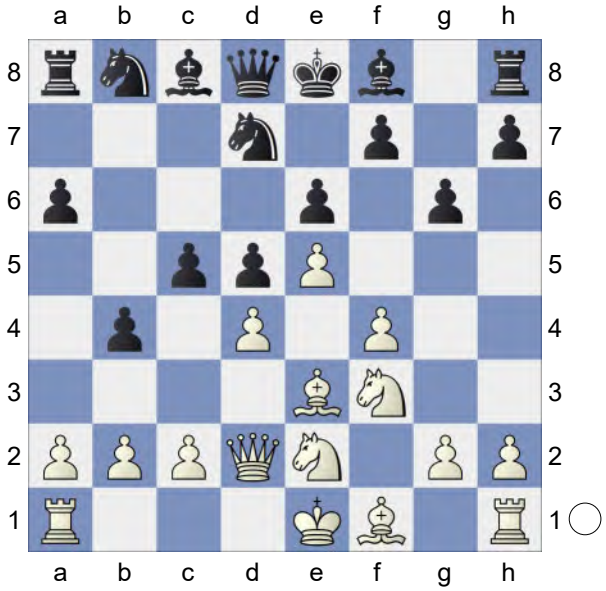
Discovered Attack. Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.36
1-0

58 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2966**
■ **Haydon** **2734**
Blitz 12.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5
[5.Be3 Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 1-0 (34) 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7.e3 _ 52523 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)]
5...Nfd7

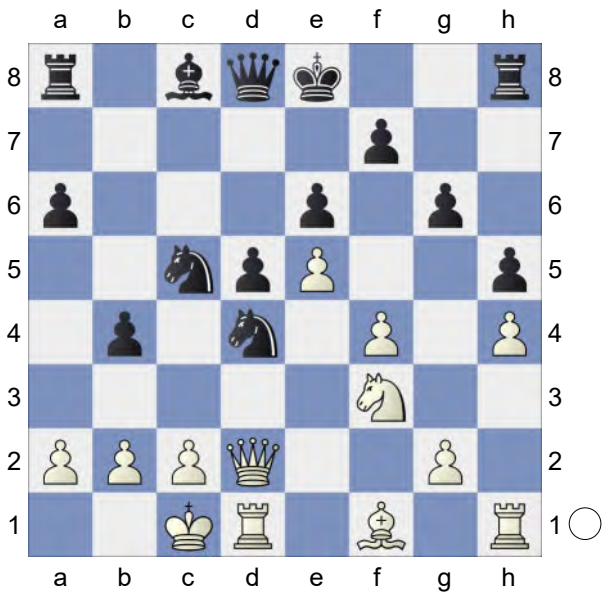


6.f4 g6N
[6...c5 7.Nf3
A) 7...Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4 *(8...a6 9.a3 Rb8 10.Qd2 Be7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.Bd3 b5 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Ne2 0-0 18.c3 Bd7 19.a4 Qe8 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Ned4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 f5 23.a5 - _ (65) Curtis,R (2341)-9.* ♗h4 d5 10.e3 ♘bd7 *_ 69281 (2520) Copenhagen 1999 (3))* 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8);
B) 7...b6 8.Be3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ne2 g6 12.c3 h5 13.Qd3 Qc8 14.Rac1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qb7 16.a3 Kf8 17.Rc3 Kg7 18.f5 exf5 19.Ng5 Nf8 20.Rxf5 f6 21.exf6+ 1-0 (28) Laasanen,H (2386)-6.c3 ♗f5 7.♘f3 e6 8.g3 î (2023) Commonwealth-ch 2022]
7.Nf3 a6 8.Be3 White is slightly better.
8...b5 9.Qd2 b4 10.Ne2 c5



11.h4 0.30/19
[11.g4!± 0.70/17]
11...h5!= 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.0-0-0 Bxc5 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Ned4 Nxd4

(Diagram)



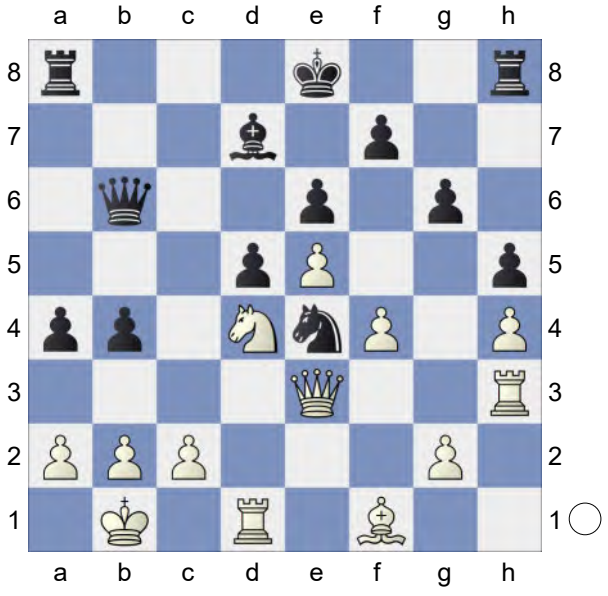
16.Nxd4 Qb6 17.Kb1 Ne4 18.Qe1 Bd7 0.43/21

[18...a5= 0.01/19]

19.Rh3 -0.01/20

[19.Be2!± 0.43/21 feels stronger.]

19...a5↑ Black has good play. **20.Qe3! a4**



21.Nf5? -2.42/21 **Qxe3-+ 22.Nxe3 Nf2! 23.Rf3 Nxd1 24.Nxd1 Ke7 25.Nf2 Rhb8**

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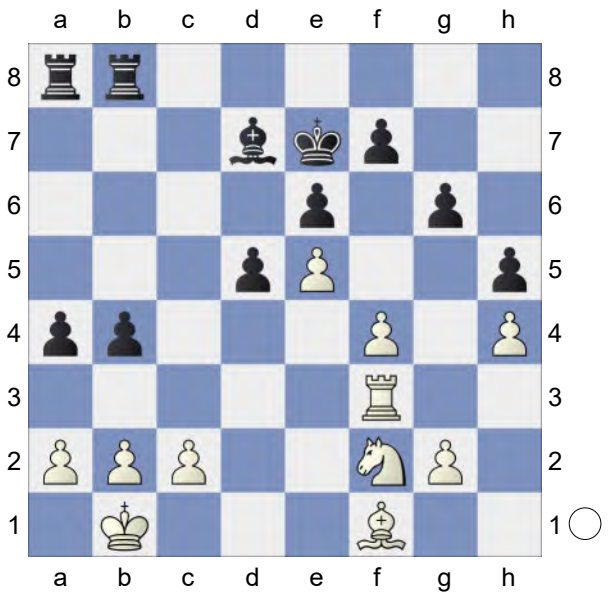
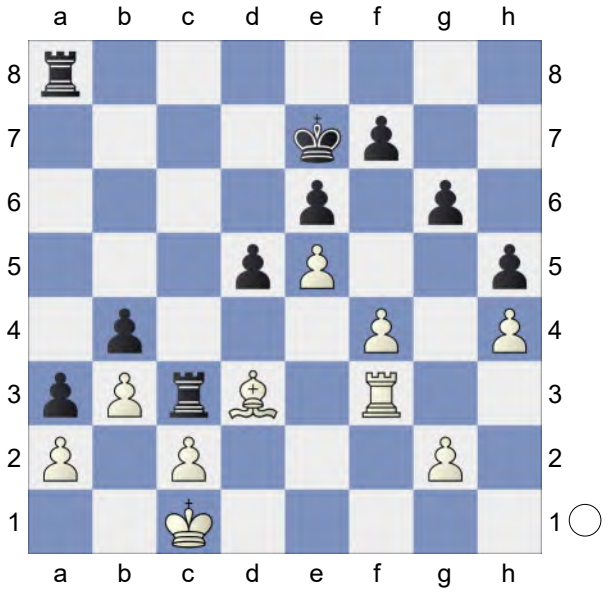


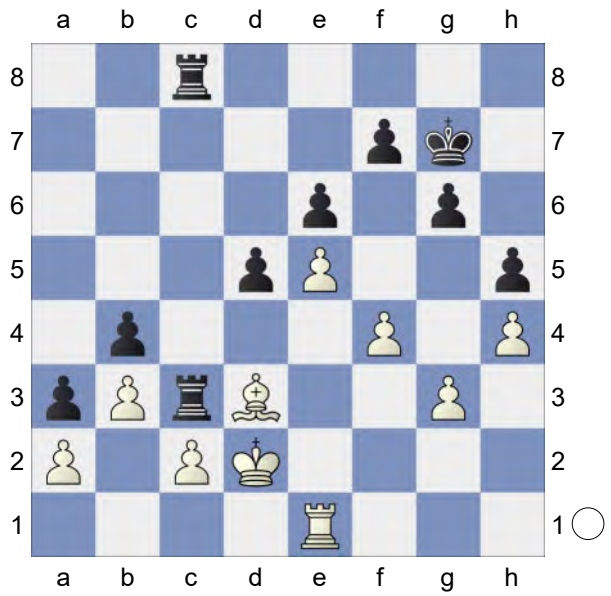
26.Be2 a3 27.b3 Rc8 28.Nd3 Bb5 29.Kc1 Bxd3 30.Bxd3 Endgame. KRR-KRB **30...Rc3**



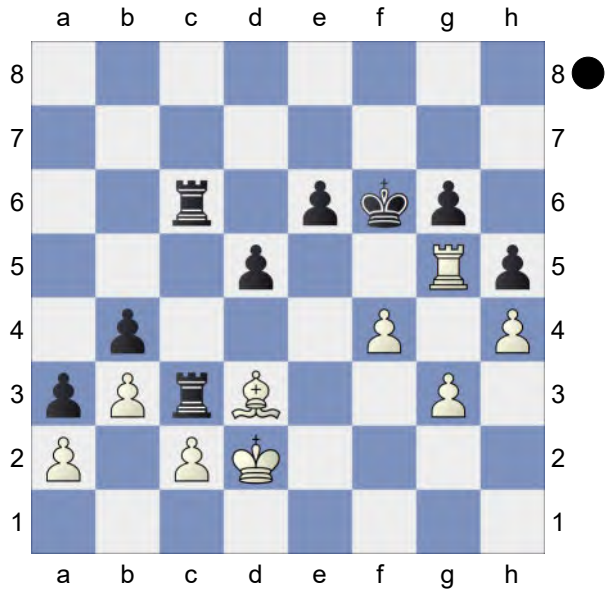
31.Kd2 Rac8 32.Rf2 Kf8 33.g3 Kg7 34.Re2 Re8 35.Re1 Rec8? -0.01/26

[35...Kf8-+ -2.24/28 Threatens to win with ...Rd8. 36.Rg1 Rd8]

(Diagram)



36.Re2!= f6 -1.30/27
[36...R3c7-+ -2.24/25 37.Ke3 Rc6]
37.exf6+∓ Kxf6 38.Re5 R8c6 -0.79/26
[Black should play 38...Ke7 -1.48/25 39.Rg5 Rg8]
39.Rg5



Rxd3+! -0.26/28 **40.cxd3** KR-KR
40...Rc3

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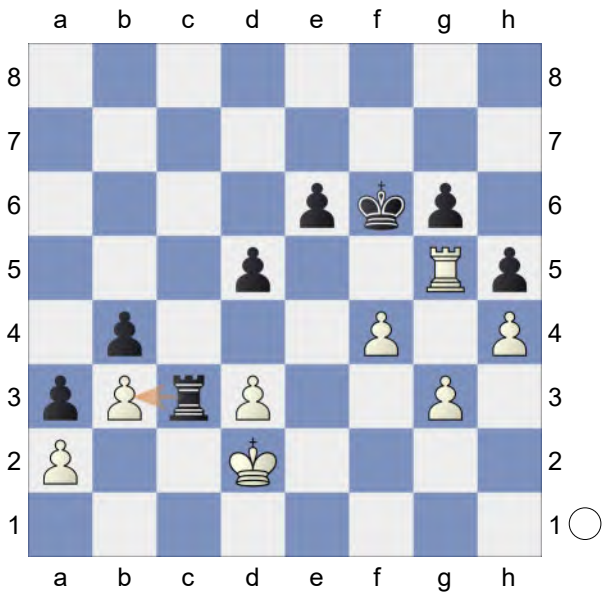
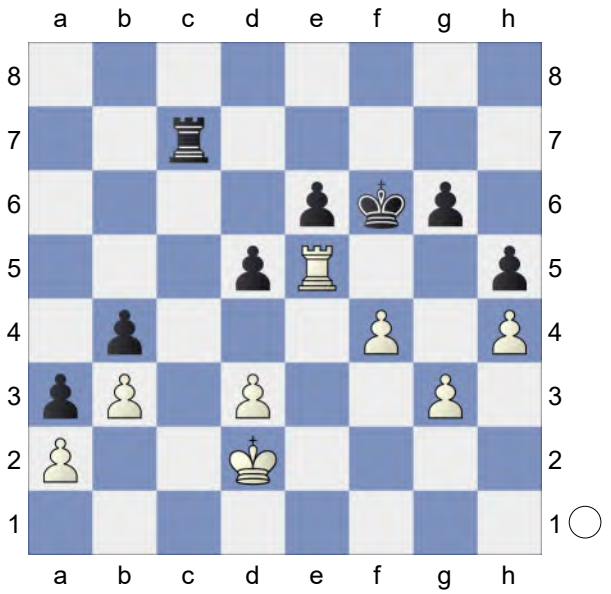


Strongly threatening ...Rxb3! **41.Re5 Rc6 42.Re1 Kf5** Threatening ...Kg4. **43.Re5+ Kf6 44.Rg5 Rc3** Hoping for ... Rxb3! **45.Re5 Rc7**



46.Re1 Rc6 47.Re5 Rc3 48.Rg5? -11.84/26
[48.Re3= -0.23/29]

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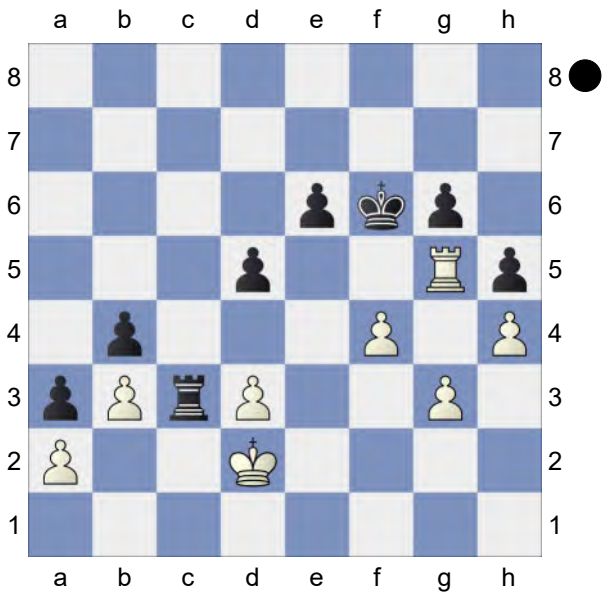
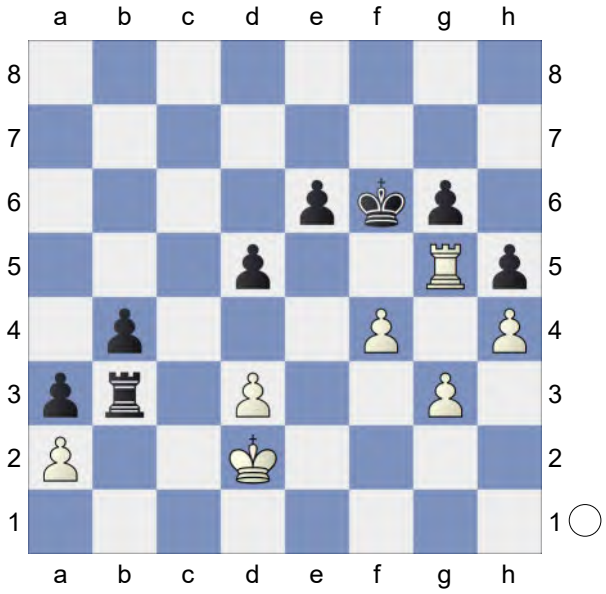


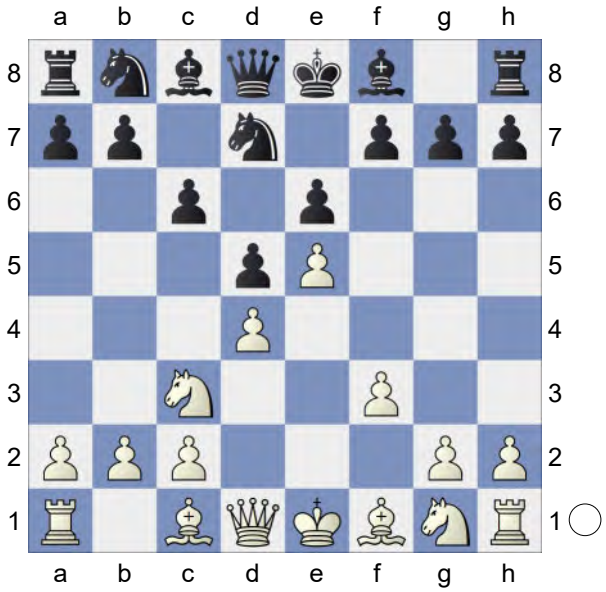
48...Rxb3!!



Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

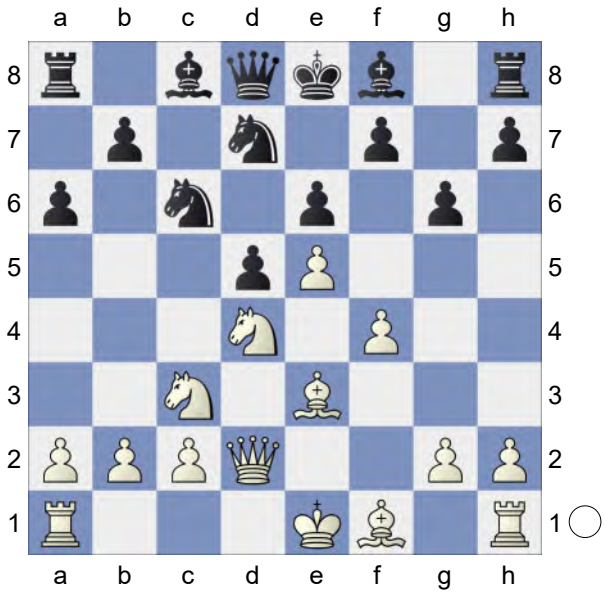
59 **C11**
□ **Yarebore** **2969**
■ **Haydon** **2730**
Blitz 12.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7

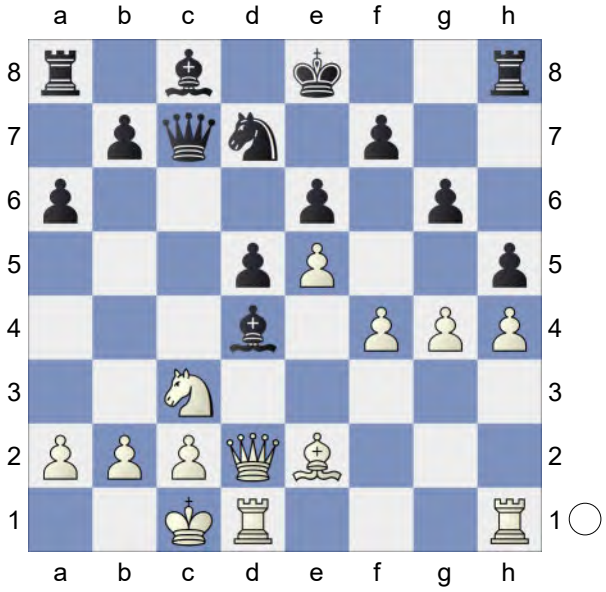


6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Be3 g6N 0.62/17
[9...Bb4= 0.22/16]
[9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 Rac8 24.h5 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]
10.Qd2± a6

(Diagram)

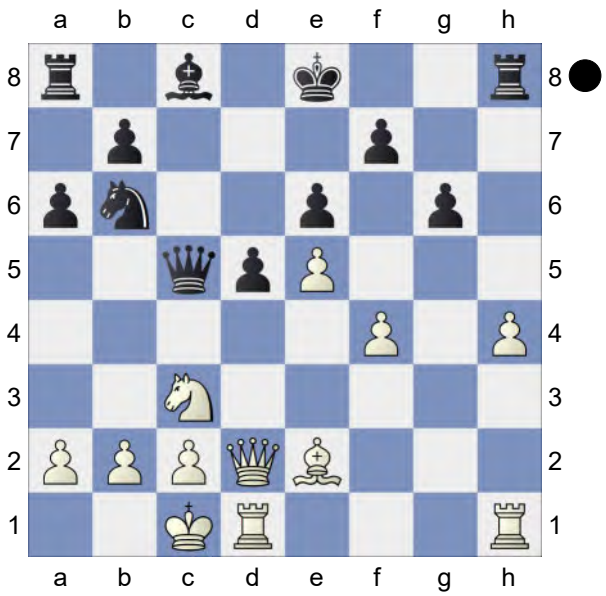


11.0-0-0 Qc7 White is slightly better.
12.h4 h5 13.Be2 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc5 1.57/20
[Better is 14...Nb6 1.08/18]
15.g4± Bxd4

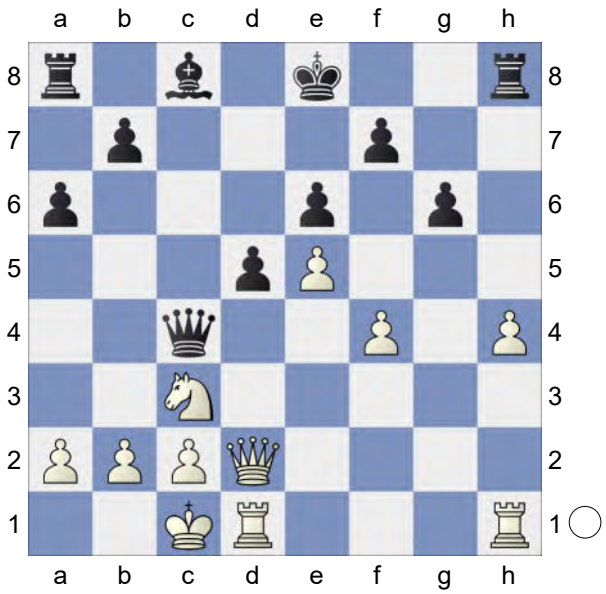


16.Qxd4 hxg4 17.Bxg4 Qc5 18.Qd2 Nb6 2.95/21
[⌓18...f5 1.63/19]
19.Be2? 0.33/22
[19.Ne4+- 2.95/21 Qc6 20.Nd6+ Deflection Kd7 21.Nxf7]

(Diagram)



19...Nc4 0.95/22
[19...Bd7± 0.33/22]
20.Bxc4 Qxc4



21.b3 Qc5 3.03/21
[21...Qc7± 0.72/21]

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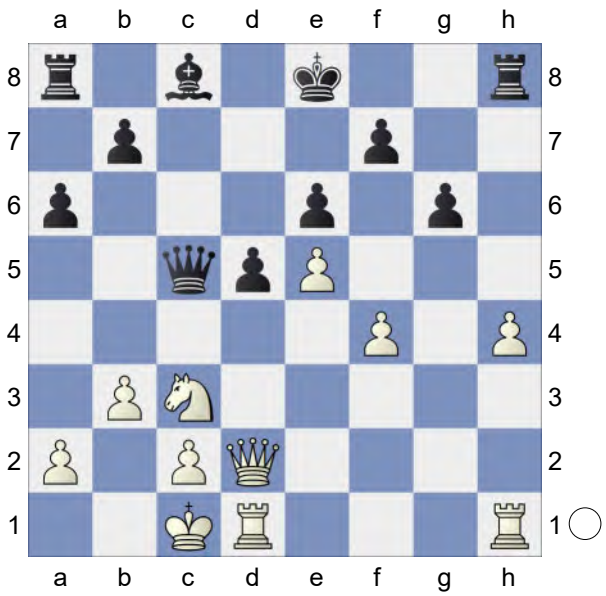
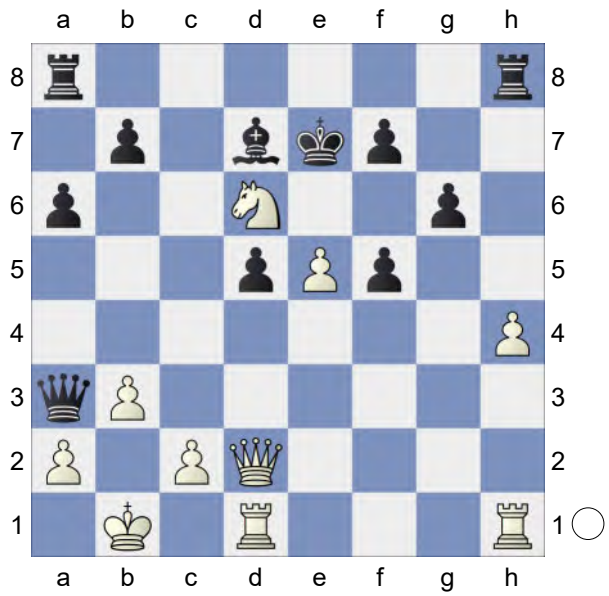
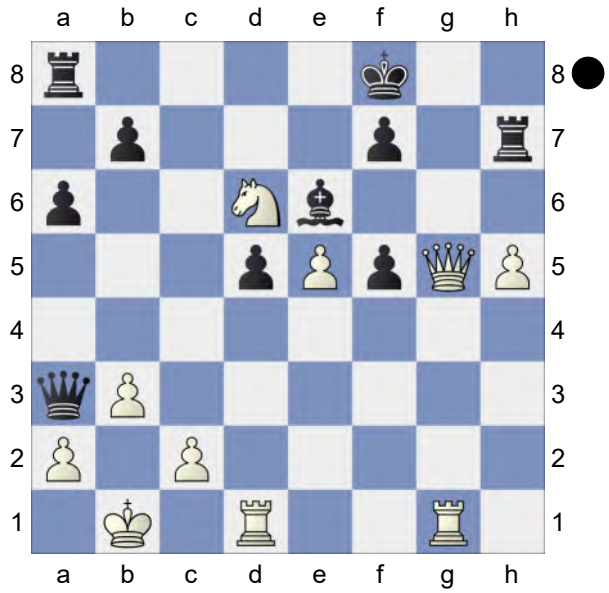


Loses the game. **22.Ne4!+-** Back Rank **22...Qa3+** 1.28/5 Black is weak on the dark squares
[22...Qe7+- 2.63/18]
23.Kb1± Nd6+ is the strong threat. White is more active. **23...Bd7?** 4.40/21
[23...Ke7 2.33/18 24.h5 *(24.f5 gxf5 25.Qg5+ Kd7+-)* 24...gxh5 *(24...dxe4 25.f5 Kf8 26.Qd8+ Kg7 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.hxg6)*]
24.Nd6++- Ke7 25.f5
[25.Nxb7 Rag8 26.h5 Rh6]
25...exf5? 20.75/21
[25...Rh5 3.97/19 26.fxg6 *(26.Nxb7 Rb8+-)* 26...fxg6]

(Diagram)



26.Qg5+ White is clearly winning.
26...Kf8 27.Qf6 Rh7 28.h5
[Inferior is 28.Nxb7 Qe7±]
28...g5 29.Qxg5 Be6 30.Rhg1
[30.Nxb7 Qe7 31.Qxe7+ Kxe7±]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

60 **B12**
□ **Polyclinical** **2882**
■ **Bananafisher** **2862**
Blitz 26.06.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Chess Informant Smagin,S: 'Inf 57/(143)'
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Nge2
[5.Bf4 Ne7 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 a5 8.0-0-0 Ba6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.h4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.Bd6 Rc8 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nf4 Sethuraman,S (2732)-15.♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5 ♖ab8 (2663) USA 6/586 1968]
5...Nf6N
[5...dxe4 6.fxe4 e5 7.a3 Ba5 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Qd3 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 0-0 *(10...exd4)* 11.d5 Ng4 12.Bg1 Bb6 13.Qg3 Ngf6 14.Kb1 Bxg1 15.Nxg1 cxd5 16.exd5 Re8 17.Nf3 e4 18.Nd4 Ne5 19.Bb5 Bd7 20.Nc6 (25) With E6 (2520)-Conde Ponderosos,A (2455) 13 La Roda 2011 bxc6 21.dxc6 Nxc6 22.Bxc6 Rb8 23.Bxd7 Nxd7 24.Rd4 Qb6 25.Rb4 Smagin,S (2520)-Brunner,L (2455) (open) 57/(143) 1993]

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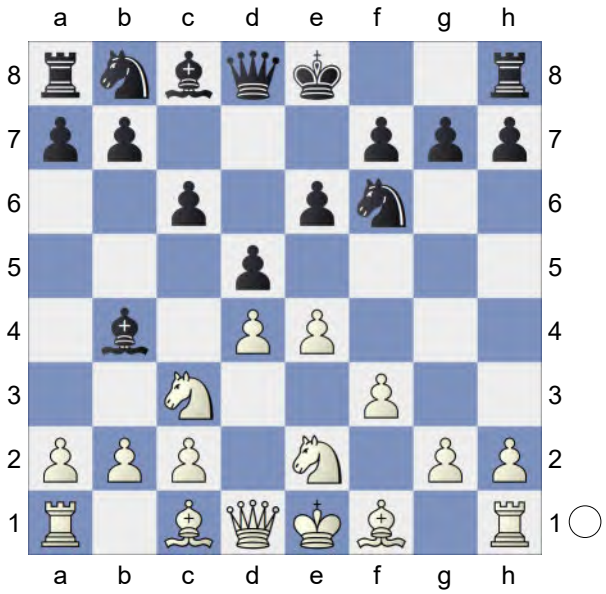
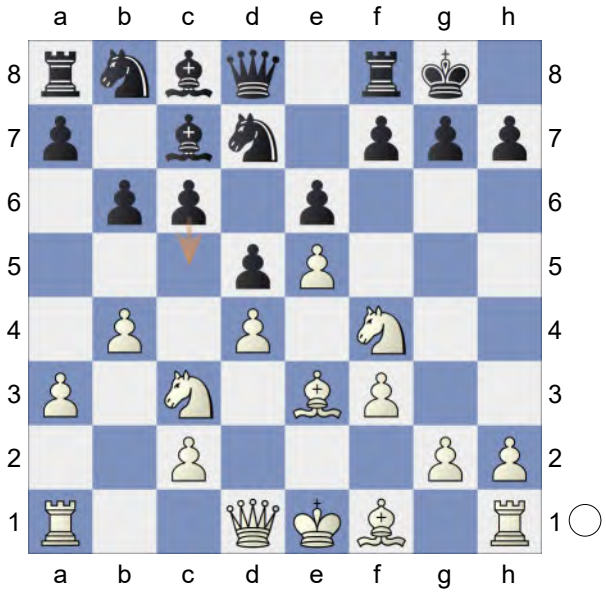


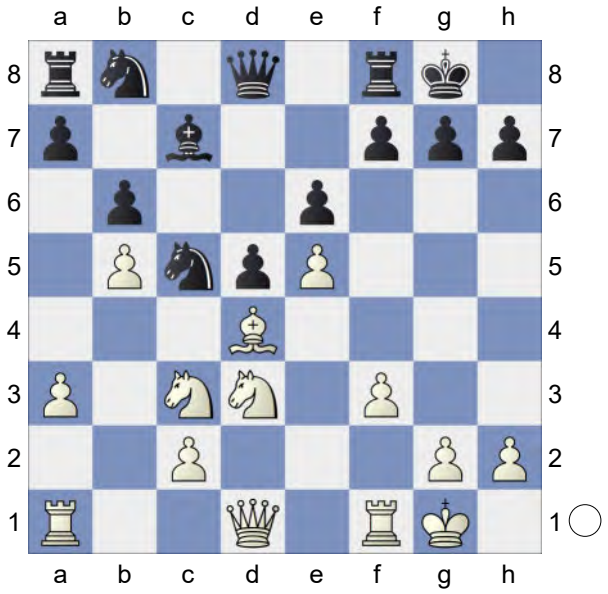
6.a3 Ba5 7.e5 Nfd7 8.b4 White has an edge. **8...Bc7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nf4 b6**



11.Bd3 -0.62/17
[11.Nce2= -0.14/16]
11...Ba6 0.22/17
[11...c5!∓ -0.62/17 12.Ncxd5 exd5]
12.0-0= Bxd3 13.Nxd3
[13.Qxd3 c5 14.Nb5 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nc6 *(15...Bxe5? 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Qe2-+; 15...Nxe5 16.Qc3∓)* 16.Nxc7 Qxc7-+]
13...c5 14.b5 cxd4
[14...f6 with more complications. 15.f4

cxd4 16.Bxd4 fxe5 17.fxe5 Qh4]

15.Bxd4 Nc5

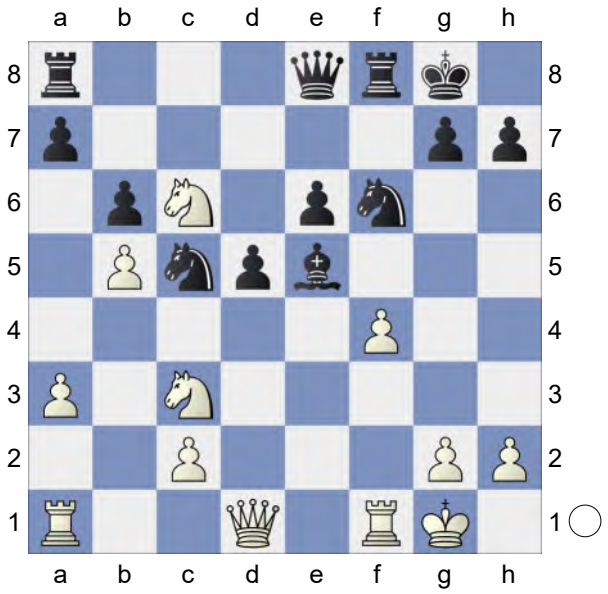


16.f4 Nbd7 17.Nb4! f6 18.Nc6 Qe8 19.exf6 White is much more active.

19...Nxf6 20.Be5 -0.01/17

[20.a4± 0.50/19]

20...Bxe5



21.fxe5 Nfe4

[21...Nfd7 simplifies 22.Qe2 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Nb8]

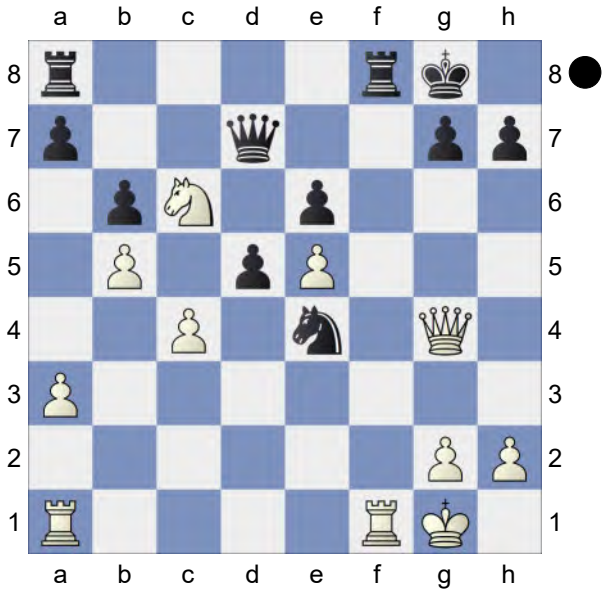
22.Nxe4

[22.Rxf8+ simplifies Qxf8 23.Nxe4 Nxe4 24.Qd4]

22...Nxe4

[22...Rxf1+ simplifies 23.Qxf1 Nxe4 24.a4 a6]

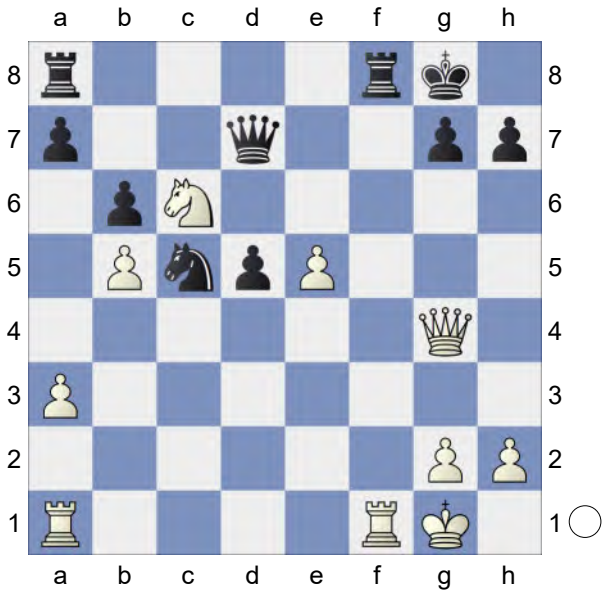
23.Qg4 Qd7 24.c4



And now cxd5 would win. **24...Nc5?** 1.72/21 This move loses the game for Black.

[24...Rxf1+= 0.01/21 and Black stays safe. 25.Rxf1 Nd2 26.cxd5 Nxf1 27.dxe6 Qd3]

25.cxd5+- exd5



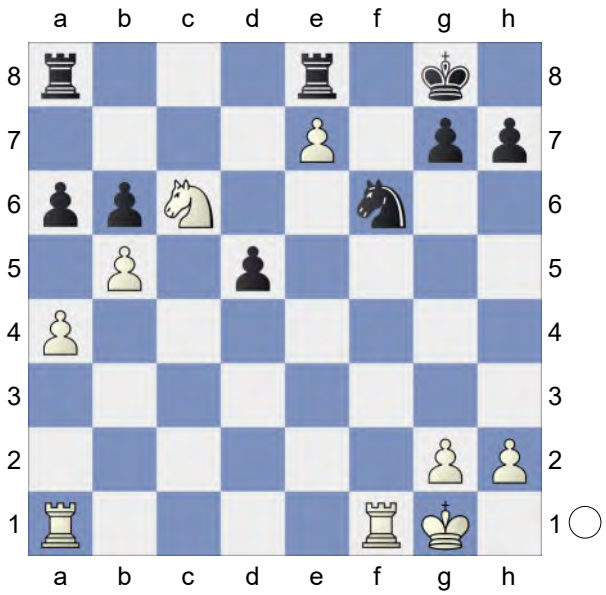
26.Qxd7 Nxd7 27.e6 Nf6 2.06/22

[27...Rxf1+± 1.45/21 was worth a try.

28.Kxf1 Nf8]

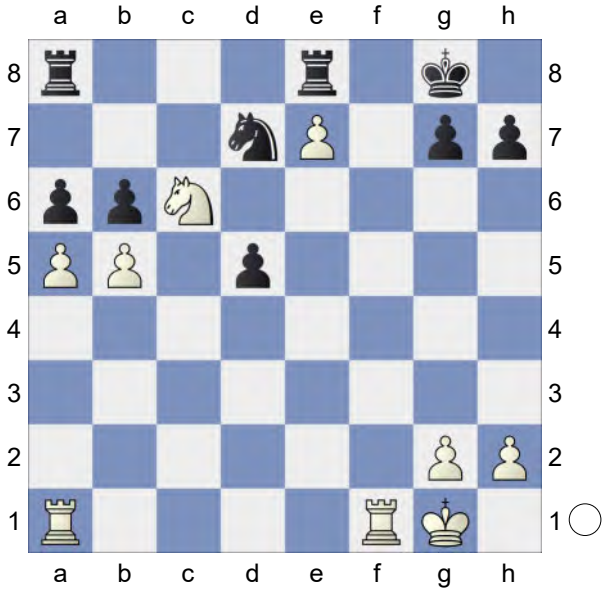
28.a4 Rfe8 29.e7 a6? 4.63/20

[29...Kf7 2.05/20 might work better. 30.Rae1 Kg8]



30.a5 White is clearly winning. **30...Nd7** 8.82/22

[⌓30...bxa5 4.69/21 31.b6 *(31.Rxa5 Rac8+-)* 31...Rac8]



31.axb6 Nxb6 32.Rxa6

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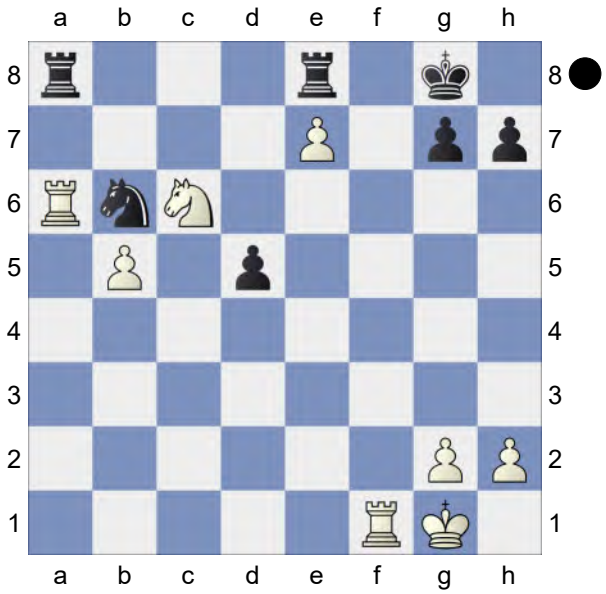

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.42

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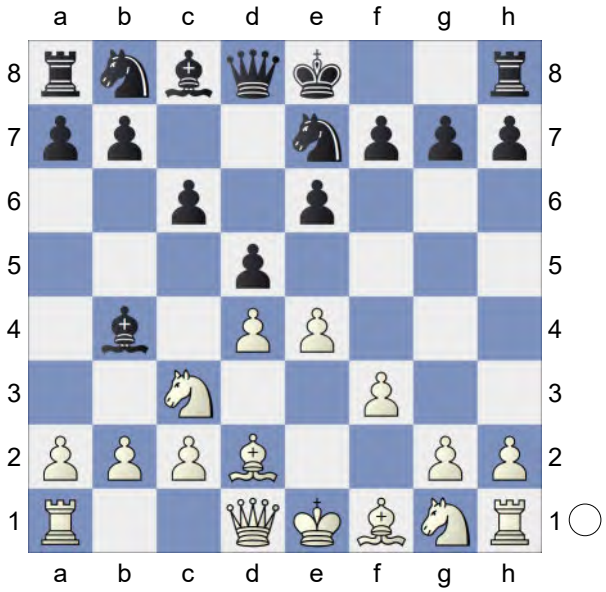
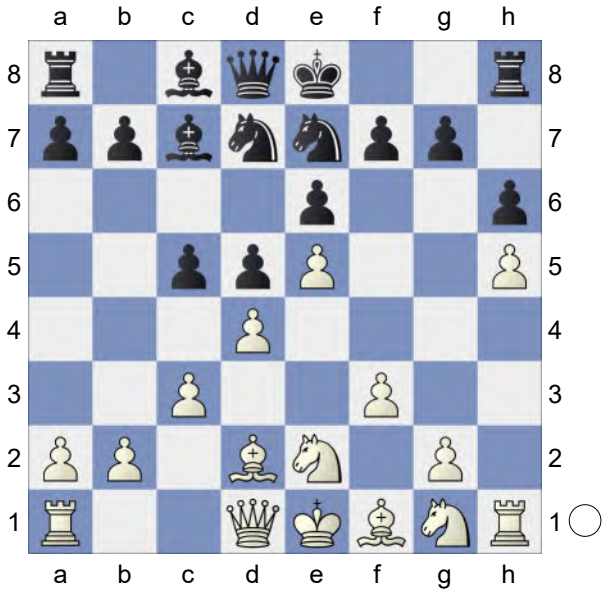
61 **B12**
□ **Mrbochwalt** **2994**
■ **Prettyfishy** **2700**
Blitz 02.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7

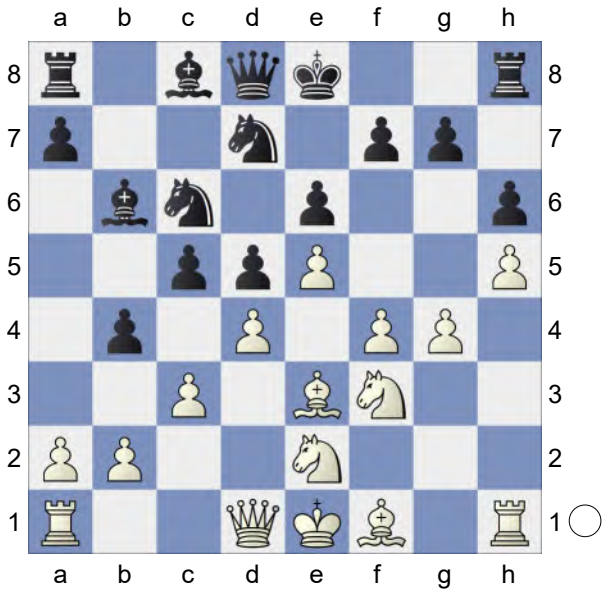


6.h4
[6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 b6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Qf4 dxe4 10.fxe4 f5 11.Qe3 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Nf3 fxe4 14.Qxe4 Qd5 15.Qd3 b5 16.0-0 Ng6 17.Rae1 Rf6 18.Bd2 Raf8 19.b3 Nc7 20.c4 bxc4 1-0 (31) Vitiugov,N (2711)-Nisipeanu,L (2600) Bundesliga 2024]
6...Nd7N
[6...c5 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Nbc6 9.dxc5 e5 10.b4 0-0 11.h5 h6 12.Bd3 f5 13.Ne2 fxe4 14.fxe4 d4 15.Bd2 Be6 16.Ng3 a5 17.Rf1 Qc7 18.Rxf8+ Rxf8 19.Qe2 Qc8 20.b5 Bg4 21.Bc4+ 0-1 (41) Lodici,L (2450)-Dardha,D (2554) Wch Rapid New York 2024 (6)]

7.Nce2 Bd6 8.e5 White is slightly better. **8...Bc7 9.h5 c5 10.c3 h6**



11.f4 Nc6 12.Nf3 b5 13.g4 Bb6
14.Be3 0.34/15
[14.g5± 0.77/15]
14...b4 0.78/17
[14...Bb7± 0.34/15]



15.cxb4!± Nxb4

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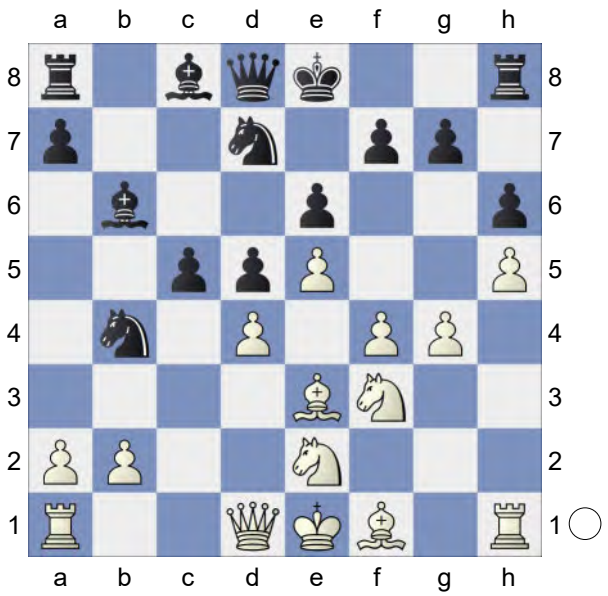
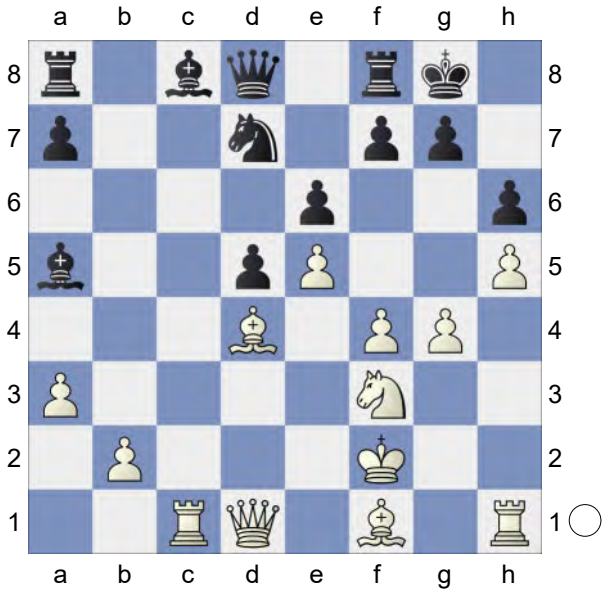
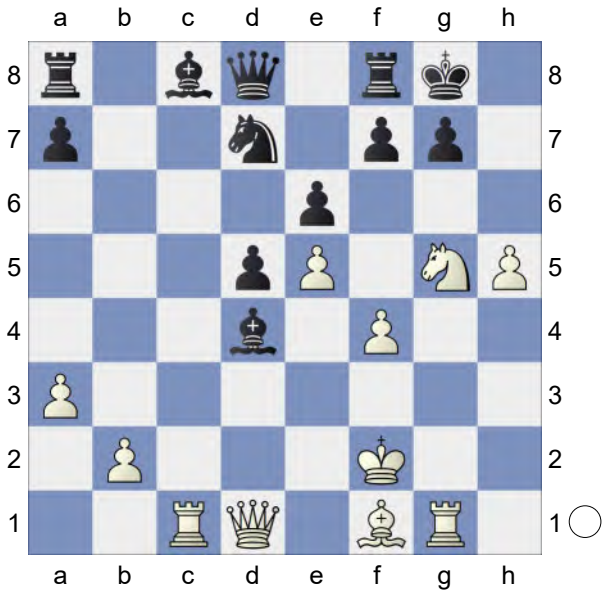


16.a3 Black must now prevent dxc5.
16...Nc6 17.Rc1 Ba5+ 1.38/19
[17...cxd4± 0.46/17 18.Nexd4 *(18.Nfxd4 Na5=)* 18...Nxd4 19.Bxd4 *(19.Nxd4 Bb7±)* 19...Bb7]
18.Kf2 0.89/17
[White should play 18.b4 1.38/19 cxb4 19.Rxc6]
18...Nxd4 19.Nexd4 cxd4 20.Bxd4
[But not 20.Qxd4 0-0=]
20...0-0 1.43/19
[⌓20...Bb6 0.90/17]



21.g5 Bb6 22.Rg1 1.07/18
[⌓22.gxh6 1.47/18 Rg1 would now be deadly. gxh6 23.Rg1+ Kh7 24.Rc6]
22...hxg5 23.Nxg5 0.17/18 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[Better is 23.h6± 1.31/18 aiming for hxg7. f6 *(23...gxh6? perishes. 24.Nxg5 Bxd4+ 25.Qxd4+-)* 24.hxg7]
23...Bxd4+? 1.80/18
[23...Nxe5!= 0.17/18 24.fxe5 f6]



Loses the game. **24.Qxd4+-** **Qb6** 2.82/17
[⌓24...a5 1.94/18 25.Rc6 f6]
25.Qxb6 Nxb6

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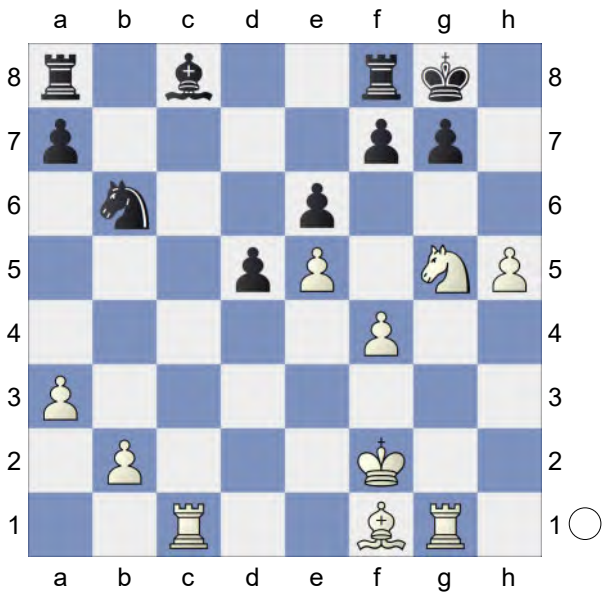
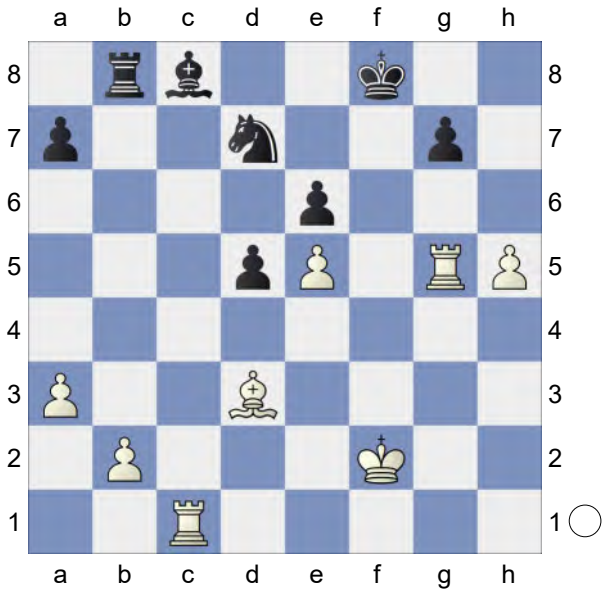


26.Bd3 Nh7 is the strong threat. **26...f6?** 5.50/19

[26...Kh8 2.33/19 27.h6 *(27.Rc7 Bd7±)* 27...g6]

27.Nh7 White is clearly winning.

27...fxe5 28.Nxf8 Kxf8 29.fxe5 Nd7 30.Rg5 Rb8



31.b4

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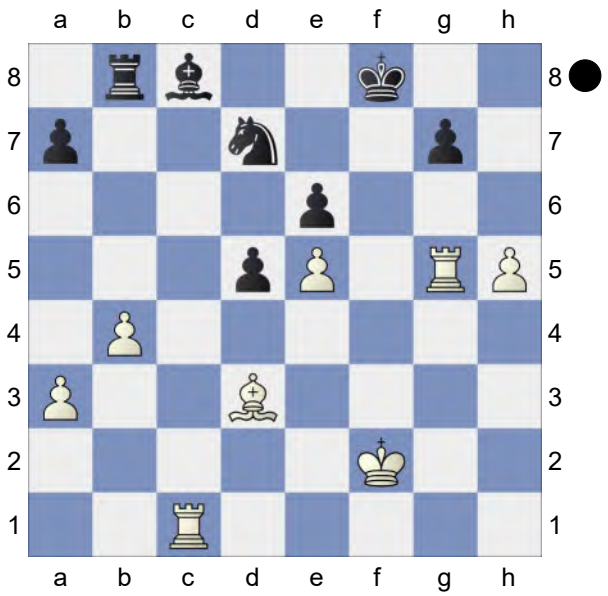

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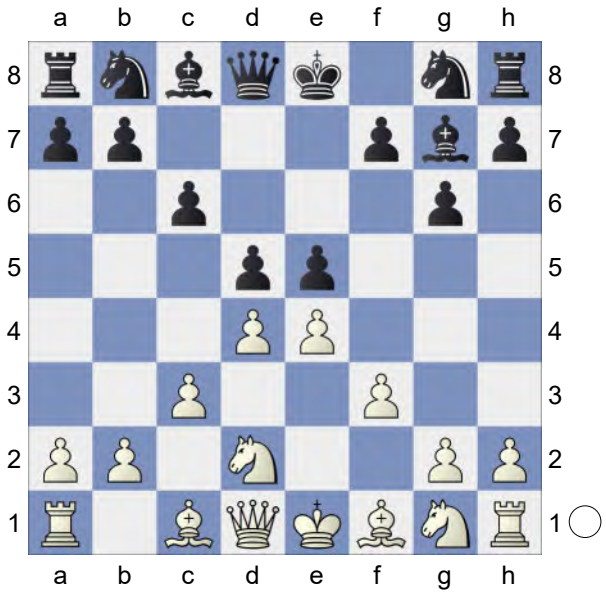
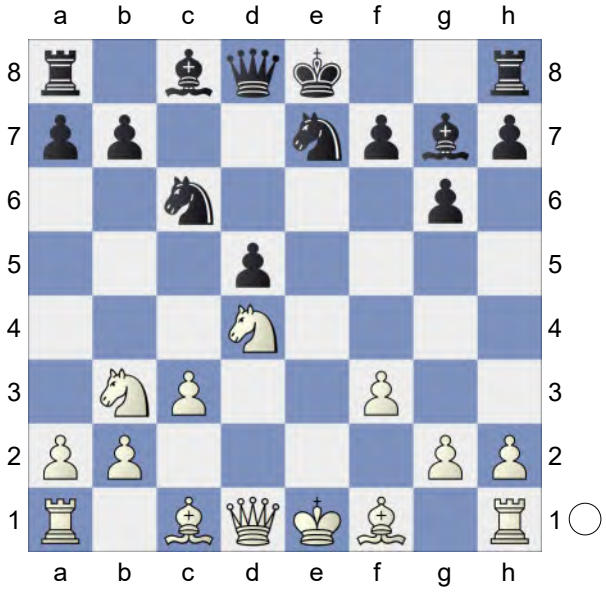
62 **B12**
□ **Mrbochwalt** **2982**
■ **Chessdarkforce** **2737**
Blitz 20.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.Nd2N
[5.Na3 Nd7 *(5...e5 6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bf4 Bxf4 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Qxf4 Nge7 11.0-0-0* 3...g6-N,N_2486 2022*)* 6.Be3 dxe4 7.fxe4 Ngf6 8.Qf3 0-0 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Nh3 b5 B 12/05-N,N 2001]
[5.Bf4 Qb6 6.Qb3 Be6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Nd2 Nd7 9.Bd3 0-0-0 10.Ne2 dxe4 11.fxe4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Bxe2 e5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Nc4 Kc7 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.0-0 f6 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 0-1 (32) Nevinnyi,V (2495)-6.. ♗f5 7. ♗d2 / 10. ♕e2_4 (2625) Madurai 154/(88) 2022 (2)]
[5.Be3 e5 6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.Bd4 Qh4+ 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bxe5 Qxe5 10.Qd4 B 12/05-N,N 2001]
5...e5

(Diagram)



6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Ne2 -0.39/17
[8.Qe2= -0.01/17 deserves consideration. Qe7 9.Nb3]
8...Bg7 9.Nb3 Nc6 10.Ned4 Nge7



11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.Be3 Re8 15.Bf2 Qc7

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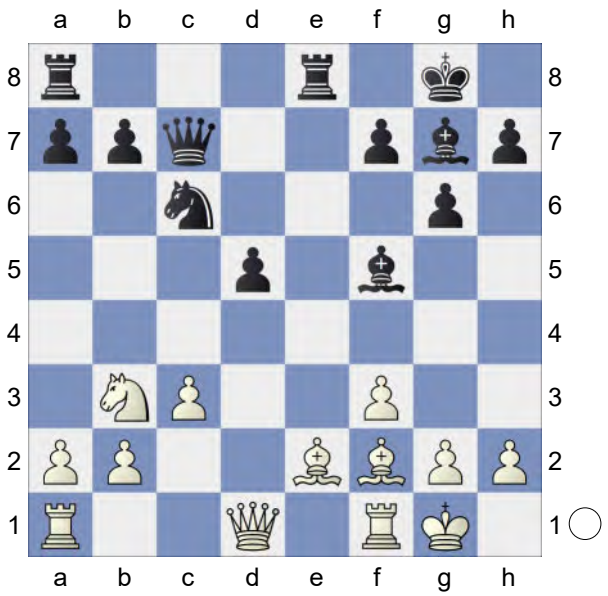
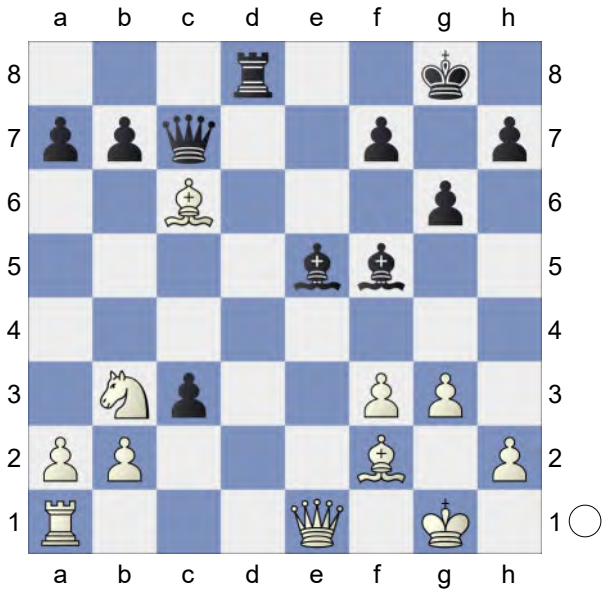
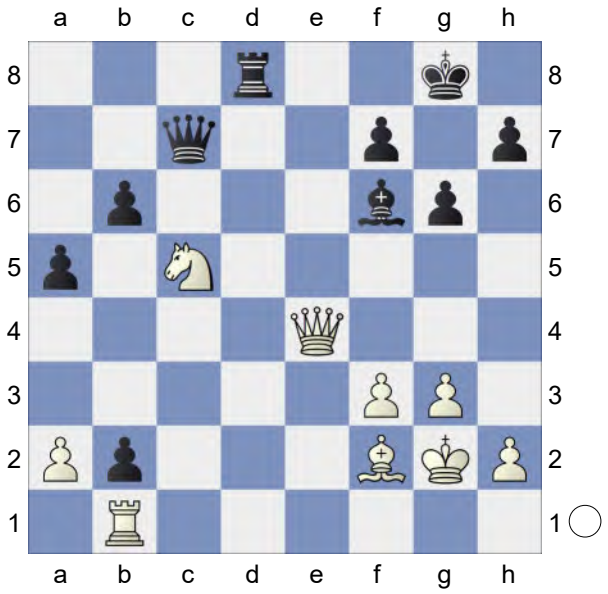


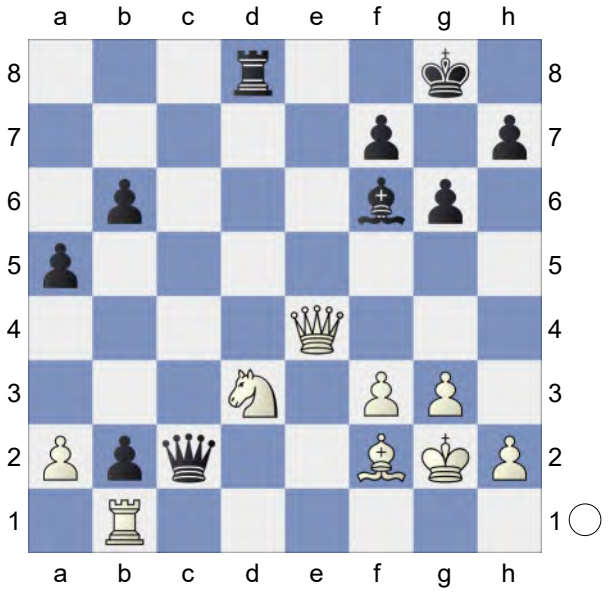
16.Re1 Rad8 17.Bb5 Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1 Be5
[18...d4!?]
19.g3 -0.52/18
[19.h3= 0.01/18]
19...d4∓ 20.Bxc6 dxc3



21.Be4 bxc3 would now be deadly.
21...cxb2 22.Rb1
[22.Rd1? Bxe4 23.fxe4 Rxd1 24.Qxd1 Qc4-+]
22...Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Bf6 -0.01/21
[23...h5∓ -0.48/21]
24.Kg2=
[24.Bxa7? b6 25.Re1 Qxa7-+]
24...a5 And now ...a4! would win. **25.Nc5 b6** 0.80/23
[25...Rd2= -0.01/20 26.Qe8+ *(26.Nxb7? Bd4-+)* 26...Kg7]



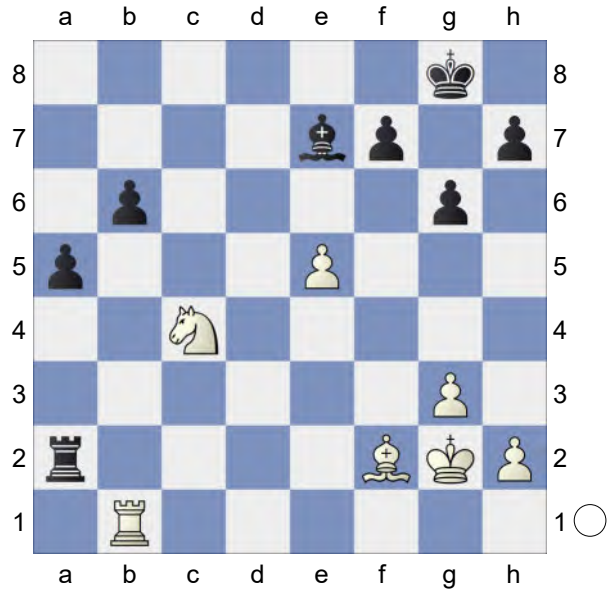
26.Nd3± Qc2 2.50/20
[26...Bd4± 1.25/21]



27.Nxb2!+- Discovered Attack **27...Qxe4**
[27...Rd2 28.Qxc2]
28.fxe4 Rd2 29.Nc4 Rxa2 30.e5
[30.Nxb6? Bd4 31.Nc4 Rxf2+

(31...Bxf2? 32.Kf3-+) 32.Kh3 Ra2-+]

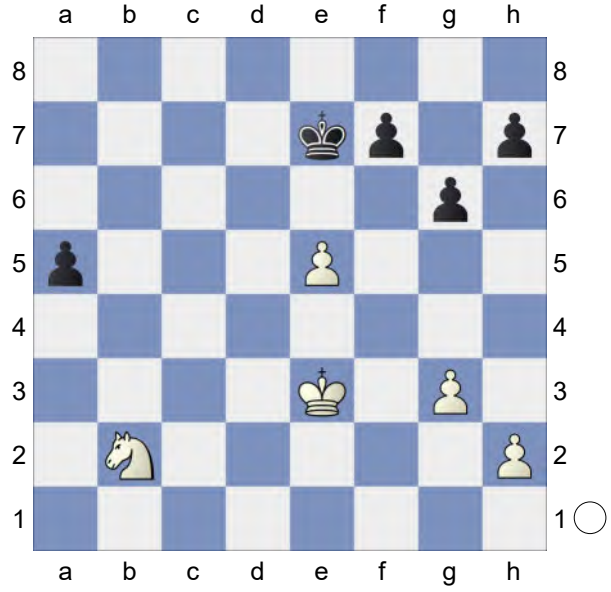
30...Be7



31.Rxb6

[31.Nxb6 Bc5 32.Nd5 Bxf2∓ *(32...Rxf2+ 33.Kh1∓)*]

31...Bc5 32.Rb2 Rxb2 33.Nxb2 Bxf2 34.Kxf2 Endgame. KN-KP **34...Kf8 35.Ke3 Ke7**



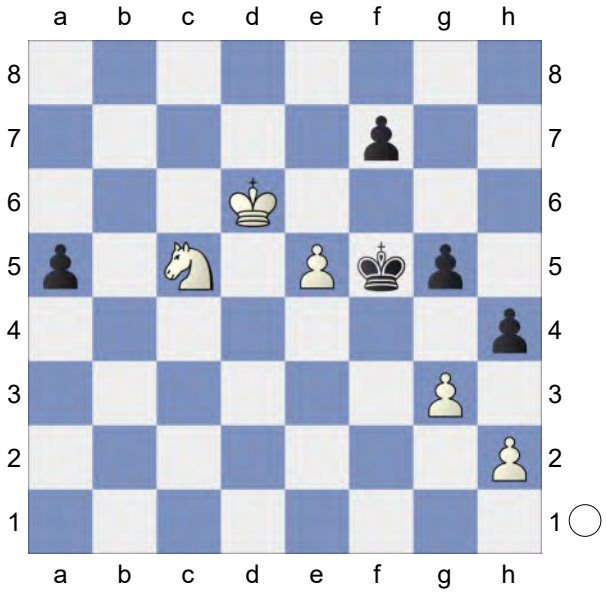
36.Kd4 Ke6 37.Na4 h5? 7.54/25

[37...f6 3.51/21 38.Nc5+ Ke7]

38.Nc5+ Kf5 39.Kd5 g5 40.Kd6? 1.35/22

[40.Nb7+- 6.87/23 is more deadly.]

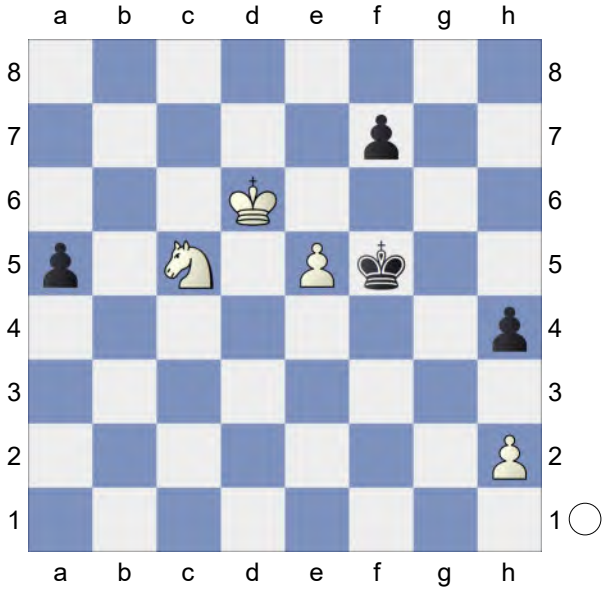
40...h4±



41.gxh4 0.89/21

[41.Na4!+- 1.62/20]

41...gxh4+-



KN-K3P **42.h3** 0.01/26

[42.Na4!± 1.49/21]

42...Kf4= 43.Nd3+ Ke4 44.Ke7 Kxd3 45.Kxf7 Threatening mate with e6. KPP-KPP **45...a4**

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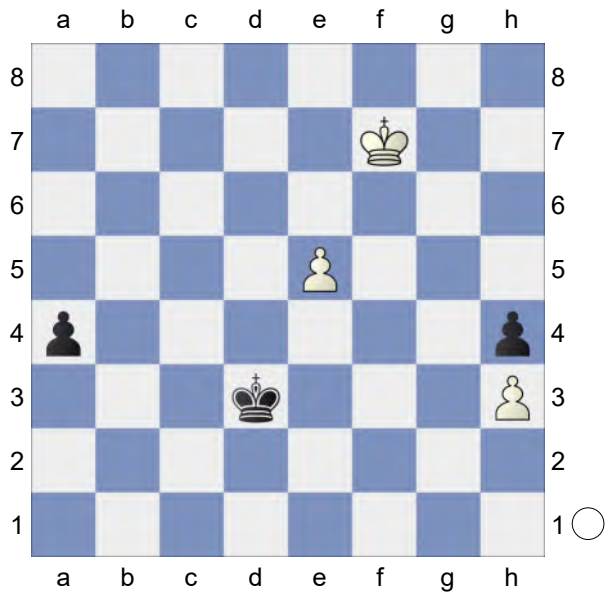
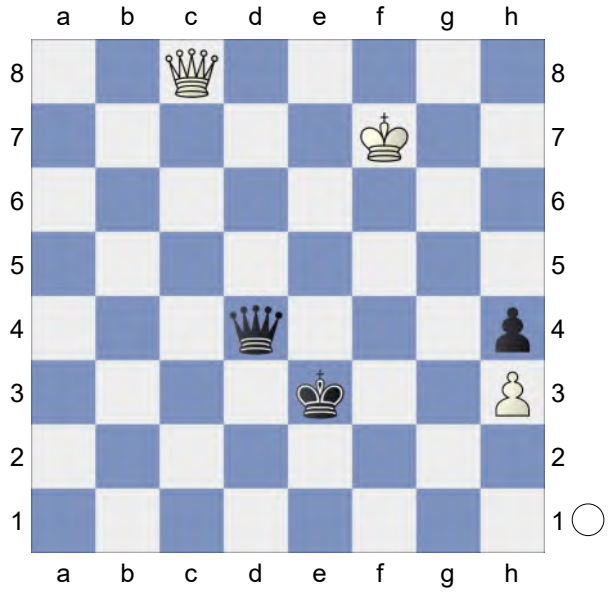


46.e6 Intending e7 and mate. **46...a3 47.e7 a2 48.e8Q**

[48.e8B a1Q *(48...a1B 49.Ke6=)* 49.Ke7 Qe5+ 50.Kd7 Qf6 51.Bh5 Qf5+ 52.Kd8 Qxh5 53.Kd7 Kd4 54.Ke7 Kd5 55.Kf6 Kd6 56.Kg7 Ke7 57.Kg8 Kf6 58.Kf8 Qh8#]

48...a1Q Dodges Qa4. KQ-KQ **49.Qd8+ Qd4 50.Qc8 Ke3**



51.Kg6 Qf4 52.Kh5 Qf7+ 53.Kxh4 Qh7+ 54.Kg5 Qg7+ 55.Kf5 Qf7+

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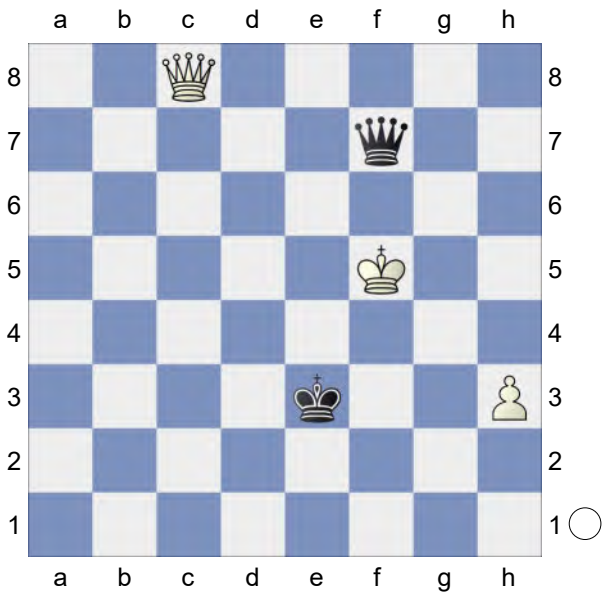
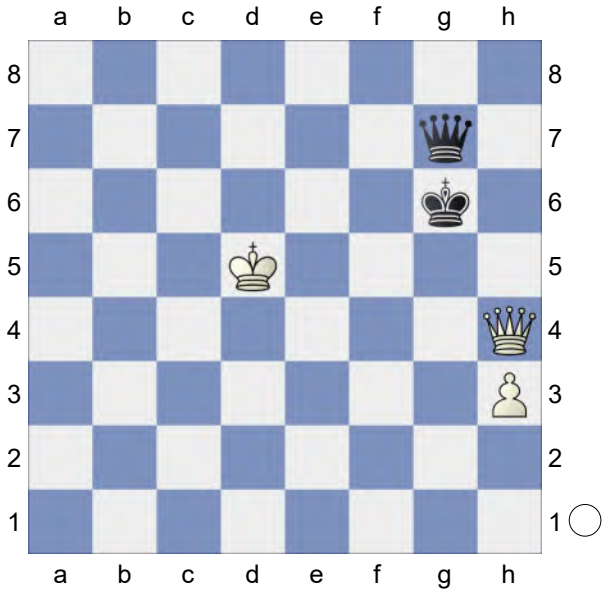


56.Ke5 Qg7+ 57.Kd5 Kf4 58.Qb8+ Kg5 59.Qg3+ Kh6 60.Qh4+ Kg6



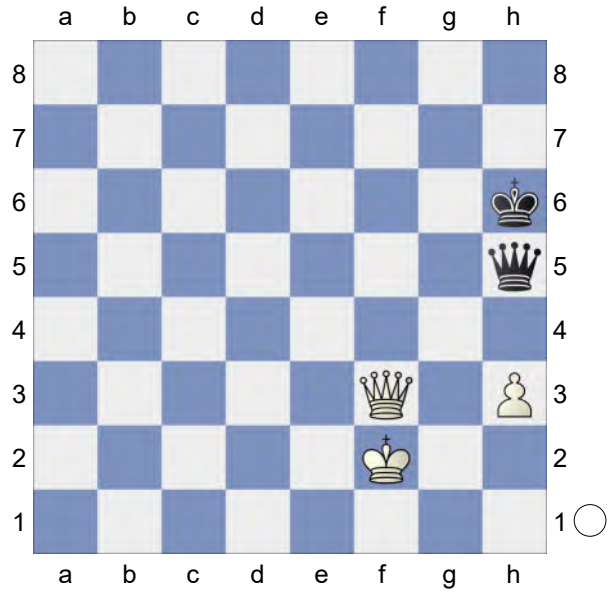
61.Qg4+ Kh7 62.Qf3? -#12/23

[62.Qf4= 0.00/22]

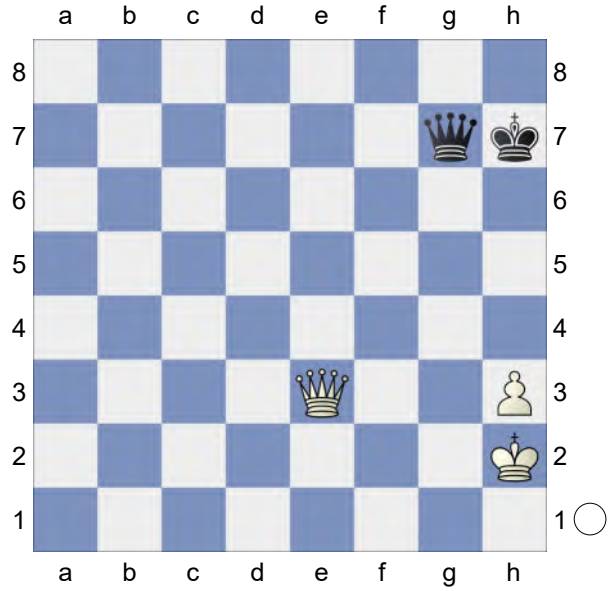
62...Kh6? 0.00/27

[62...Qb7+ -#12/23 mates 63.Ke6 Qxf3 64.Ke5 Qd3 *(64...Qxh3* leads to mate. *65.Kd4 Qb3 66.Ke4 Qc3 67.Kd5 Kg6 68.Ke4 Kf6 69.Kd5 Qb4 70.Kc6 Ke6 71.Kc7 Qb5 72.Kc8 Kd6 73.Kd8 Qd7#)* 65.Kf4 Qxh3 66.Ke4 Qd7 67.Ke5 Qd3 68.Ke6 Kg7 69.Ke5 Kf7 70.Kf4

Kf6 71.Kg4 Qe3 72.Kh5 Qh3#]
63.Ke4 The position is equal. **63...Qg6+ 64.Ke3 Qg5+ 65.Kf2 Qh5**



66.Qc6+ Qg6 67.Qc3 Qf7+ 68.Kg3 Qg6+ 69.Kh2 Qg7 70.Qe3+ Kh7



71.Qd3+ Qg6 72.Qd7+ Qg7 73.Qe8 Qg6 74.Qe7+ Qg7 75.Qh4+ Qh6

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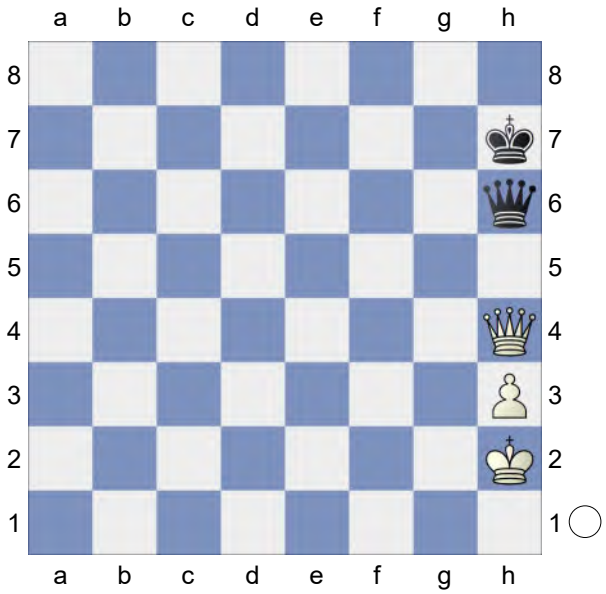
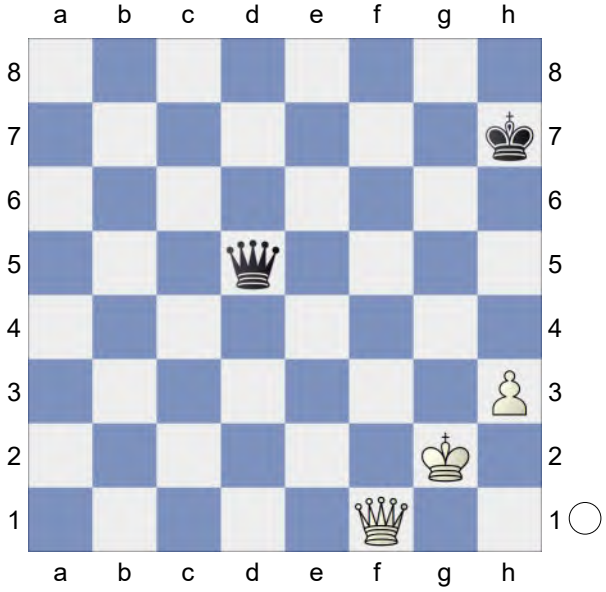


76.Qe4+ Qg6 77.Qd4 Qg7 78.Qd3+ Qg6 79.Qf1 Qd6+ 80.Kg2 Qd5+



81.Qf3 Qxf3+ 82.Kxf3 Kh6 83.Kg3 Kh5 84.h4

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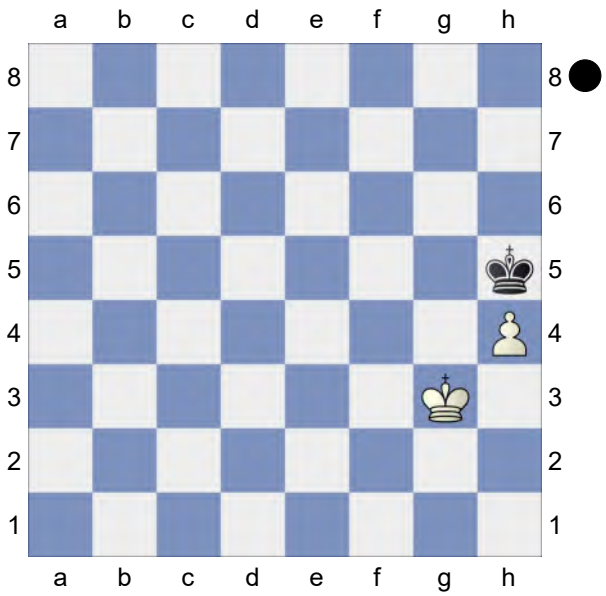

Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise) .
Loss on time!?
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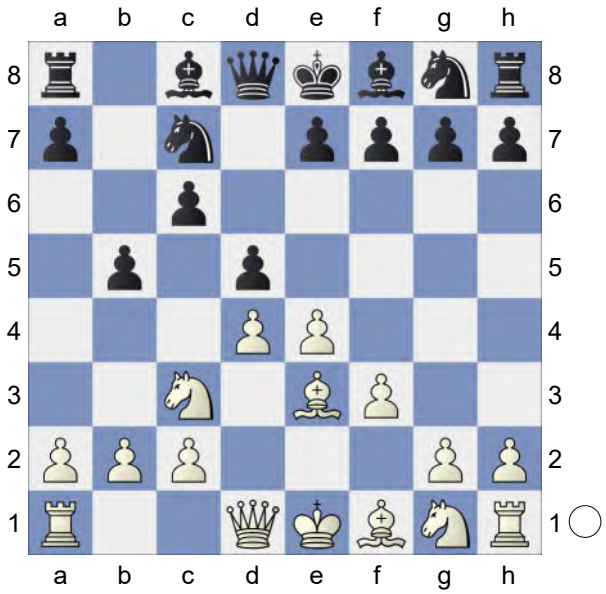
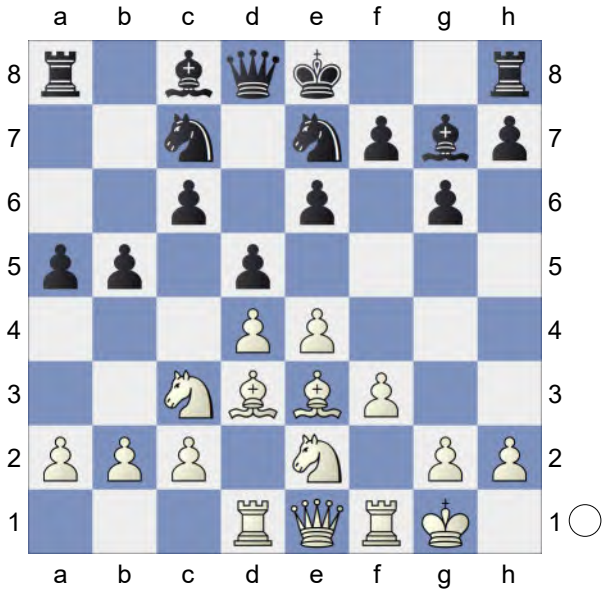
63 **B12**
□ **Benefactorr** **2893**
■ **Peradetlic83** **2762**
Blitz 19.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

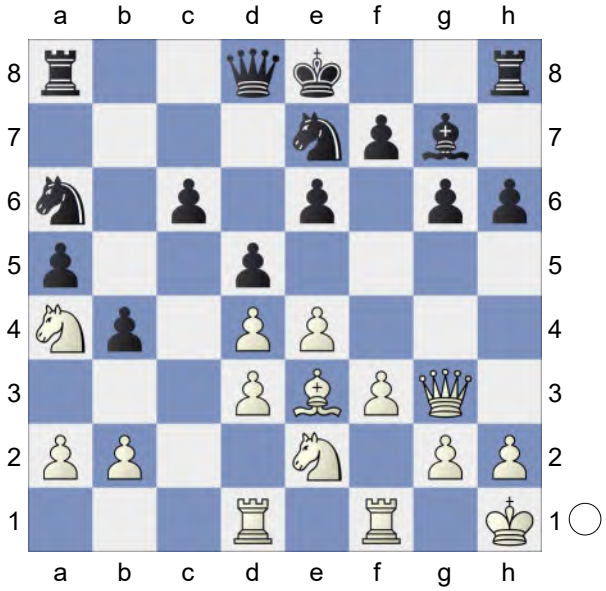
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Na6N
[3...e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be3 dxe4 *(5...Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 c5 9.f4 Nc6 10.Nf3 Qa5 11.Kf2 Qa4 12.h4 b6 13.h5 h6 14.g4 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.a4 Rc8 17.Qd3* 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3…e6-3…e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4…Nf6 / 5.*)* 6.fxe4 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Nf6 10.Qxg7 Rg8 11.Qh6 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4...Nf6 / 5.]
[3...dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.c3 Nf6 7.Be2 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Bc5 10.Nf5 g6 11.b4 Bb6 12.Ng7+ Kf8 13.Bh6 Kg8 14.Nd2 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6. c3: 6...Nf6 #2]
4.Nc3 Nc7 5.Be3 b5



6.Bd3 e6 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Bg7 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Rd1 a5**

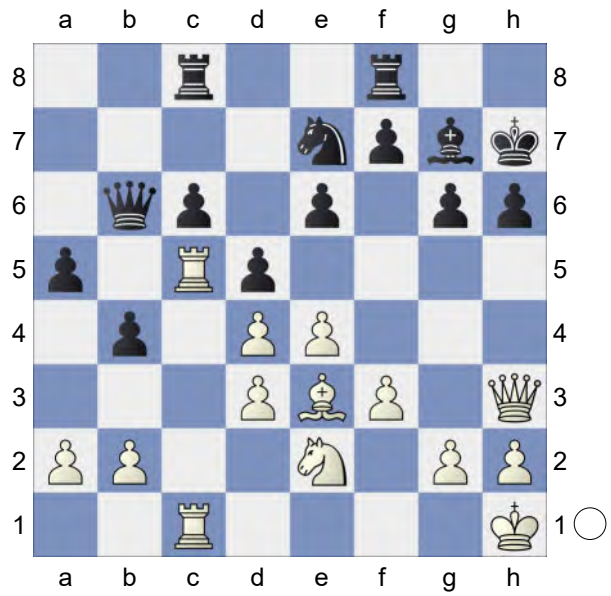


11.Qh4 h6 12.Kh1 Ba6 13.Qg3 b4 14.Na4 Bxd3 15.cxd3 Na6

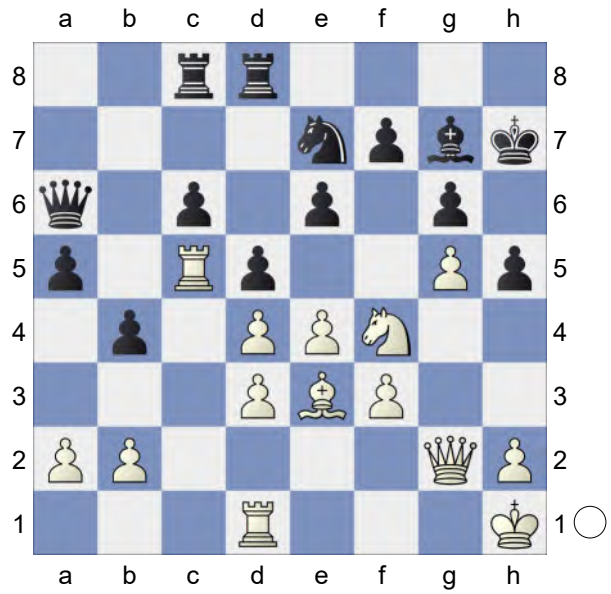


16.Rc1 Rc8 17.Nc5 0.26/20
White has more active pieces.
[17.Qf2± 0.68/19]
17...Nxc5= 18.Rxc5 0-0 19.Rfc1 Qb6 20.Qh3 Kh7

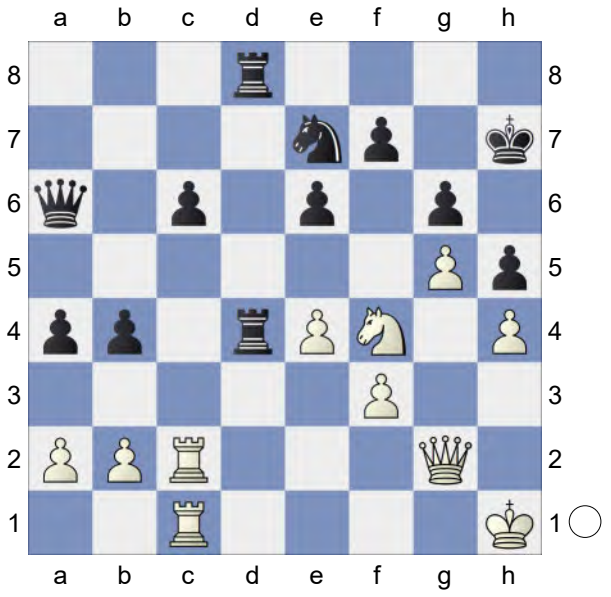
(Diagram)



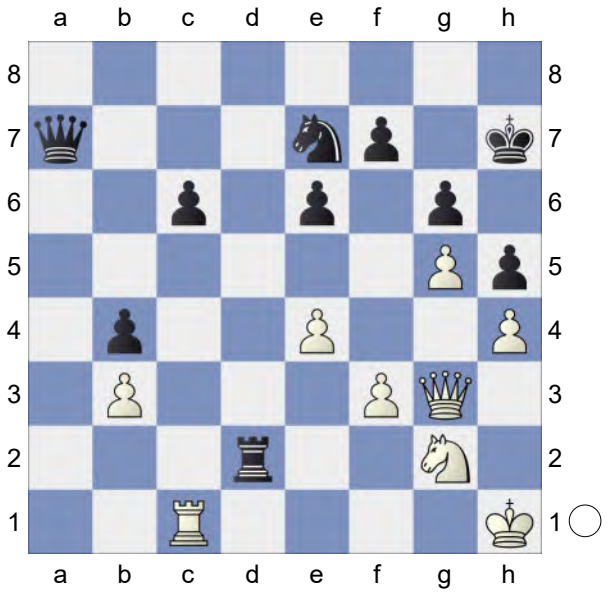
21.g4 Qa6 22.Rd1 Ng8 23.g5 h5 24.Nf4
[24.Ng3!? Ne7□ 25.f4=]
24...Ne7 25.Qg2 Rfd8



26.Rdc1 dxe4 -0.15/23
[26...a4∓ -0.64/18]
27.dxe4 -1.19/23
[27.fxe4= -0.15/23 remains equal. Kg8 *(27...Bxd4 28.Bxd4 Rxd4 29.Qf2±)* 28.Rf1]
27...Bxd4∓ 28.Bxd4 Rxd4 29.h4 -2.29/22
[29.Qe2∓ -0.97/22 Qxe2 30.Nxe2]
29...Rcd8-+ 30.R5c2 a4



31.Qg3 Qa5 32.b3 -2.74/22
[⌓32.Ng2 -1.66/20]
32...axb3 33.axb3 Rd2 34.Rxd2 Rxd2 35.Ng2 Qa7? -0.01/22
[35...Qa3-+ -1.85/23 36.Rg1 Rd7 *(36...Qxb3 37.Qf4=)*]



36.Qf4= Qf2 37.Qxf7+ Kh8 38.Qe8+? -#16/24
[38.Rg1= 0.01/26 Qg3 *(38...Ng8 39.Qf4=)* 39.Qf8+ *(39.Qxe7? Qh3#; 39.Qf6+? Kg8-+)* 39...Ng8 40.Qf4

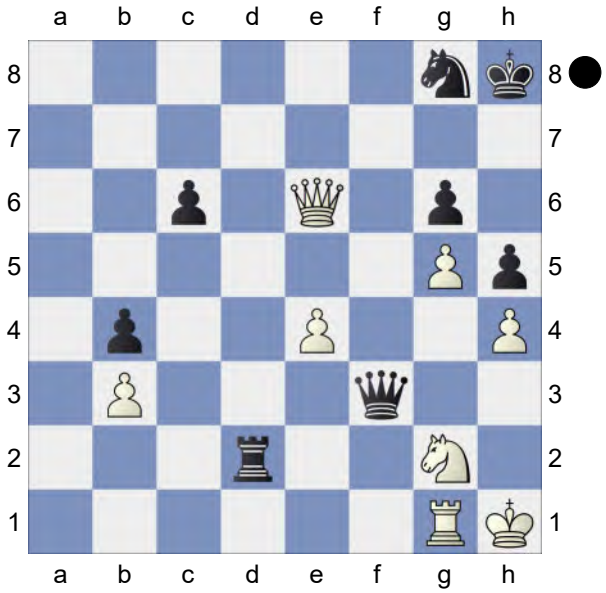
Qh3+ 41.Qh2 Qxf3 42.Qe5+ Kh7 43.Qc7+ Kh8 44.Qe5+ Kh7 45.Qc7+ Kh8 46.Qe5+]

38...Ng8 39.Rg1 Qxf3 -1.95/23

[39...Qg3 -#15/22 40.Qxe6 Rd6 *(40...Qxf3 41.Qe5+ Kh7 42.Qc7+ Kh8 43.Qe5+ Kh7 44.Qc7+ Kh8 45.Qe5+=)* 41.Qc8 Qxf3 42.Kh2 Rd3 *(42...Qxe4 43.Re1=; 42...Qxb3 43.Qb8∓)* 43.Re1 Qg3+ *(43...Rxb3 44.Qc7=; 43...Rd2 44.Qh3=)* 44.Kh1 Rd2 *(44...Rxb3? 45.Qd7-+)* 45.Rg1 Rb2 *(45...Qxb3? 46.Qb8-+)* 46.Qd7 c5 *(46...Qxb3 47.Qd4+ Kh7 48.Qd7+ Kh8 49.Rc1=)* 47.Qe6 Rxb3 48.Qxb3 Qxb3 49.Kh2 Qe6 50.Kg3 Qg4+ *(50...Qxe4? 51.Kf2-+)* 51.Kf2 Qxe4 52.Re1 Qf5+ 53.Ke2 b3 54.Ne3 Qe4 55.Kf2 b2 *(55...Qxh4+? 56.Kf1-+)* 56.Rg1 c4 *(56...b1B? 57.Rg3-+; 56...b1N? 57.Rg3-+; 56...b1Q? 57.Rxb1 Qxb1 58.Ke2-+; 56...Qxh4+? 57.Kf3-+)* 57.Nxc4 Qxc4 *(57...b1B? 58.Rxb1 Qf5+ 59.Ke3-+)* 58.Rh1 Ne7 59.Rf1 Nf5 *(59...Qxh4+ 60.Ke2 Nf5 61.Re1 Qd4 62.Kf3 Qd3+ 63.Kf2 Qd2+ 64.Re2 Qf4+ 65.Kg2 Qg3+ 66.Kh1 b1Q+ 67.Re1 Qbxe1#)* 60.Re1 Qf4+ *(60...Nxh4 61.Re8+ Kg7 62.Re7+ Kf8 63.Rb7 Qf4+ 64.Ke2 Qf3+ 65.Kd2 Qxb7 66.Ke3 b1Q 67.Kf4 Qf3+ 68.Ke5 Qb5+ 69.Ke6 Qbd5#)* 61.Ke2 Qe3+ *(61...Qxh4 62.Kd2 Qb4+ 63.Ke2 Ng3+ 64.Kf2 Qd2+* Deflection, Double Attack *65.Kf3 Qxe1 66.Kg2 b1Q 67.Kh3 Qf5+ 68.Kh4 Nh1#)* 62.Kf1 Qf3+ 63.Kg1 Ne3 Deflection *(63...Nxh4 64.Re8+ Kg7 65.Re7+ Kf8 66.Re2 b1Q+ 67.Kh2 Qbh1#)* 64.Rxe3 b1Q+ *(64...b1R+? 65.Re1 Rxe1+ 66.Kh2 Rh1#)* 65.Re1 Qxe1+ 66.Kh2 Qfh1#]

40.Qxe6? -#10/22

[40.Qb8-+ -1.95/23]



40...Rd3? 0.01/26

[40...Qg3! -#10/22 41.Qc8 Re2 *(41...Qxb3? 42.Qc7-+)* 42.Qd7 c5 *(42...Qxb3? 43.Rf1+-)* 43.Qc8 Qxb3 *(43...Rxe4? 44.Rf1-+)* 44.Kh2 Qe3 *(44...Rxe4? 45.Qxc5 Qb2 46.Kh1-+)* 45.Qe6 Qf4+ *(45...Qxe4? 46.Qxe4 Rxe4 47.Rh1-+)* 46.Kh3 Qxe4 47.Qxe4 Rxe4 48.Rb1 Ne7 49.Kg3 Nf5+ 50.Kf2 Nxh4 51.Ne1 Rg4 52.Nd3 Rxg5 *(52...Rg2+? 53.Ke3-+)* 53.Rc1 b3 54.Ke2 Rg2+ 55.Nf2 Nf5 *(55...b2? 56.Rb1-+; 55...Rg5? 56.Nd3-+)* 56.Rxc5 h4 57.Rc8+ Kg7 58.Rb8 h3 59.Rxb3 Nd4+ 60.Kf1 Rxf2+ *(60...Nxb3 61.Nxh3 Rg3 62.Nf2-+)* 61.Kxf2 Nxb3 62.Kg3 Kf6 *(62...Na1 63.Kxh3 Kf6 64.Kg4 g5 65.Kg3 Kf5 66.Kf3 g4+ 67.Kg3 Nc2 68.Kg2 Kf4 69.Kf2 g3+ 70.Ke2 g2 71.Kd3 g1Q 72.Kxc2 Qc5+ 73.Kb2 Ke4 74.Kb1 Kd3 75.Kb2 Qb4+ 76.Ka2 Kc3 77.Ka1 Qb2#)* 63.Kxh3 Kf5 64.Kg3

g5 65.Kg2 Kf4 *(65...Na1 66.Kf3 g4+ 67.Kg3 Nc2 68.Kg2 Kf4 69.Kf2 g3+ 70.Ke2 g2 71.Kd3 g1Q 72.Kxc2 Qd4 73.Kb3 Ke4 74.Kc2 Qb4 75.Kd1 Kd3 76.Kc1 Qb8 77.Kd1 Qb1#)* 66.Kf2 g4 *(66...Na1 67.Kf1 g4 68.Kf2 g3+ 69.Ke2 Ke4 70.Ke1 Kf3 71.Kd2 g2 72.Kc3 g1Q 73.Kc4 Ke4 74.Kb5 Kd5 75.Ka6 Qb1 76.Ka5 Kc5 77.Ka6 Qb6#)* 67.Ke2 g3 *(67...Na1 68.Ke1 g3 69.Ke2 Ke4 70.Ke1 Kf3 71.Kd2 g2 72.Kc3 g1Q 73.Kb2 Ke4 74.Ka2 Kd3 75.Kb2 Qf2+ 76.Kxa1 Kc3 77.Kb1 Qb2#)* 68.Ke1 Kf3 *(68...Na1 69.Ke2 Ke4 70.Ke1 Kf3 71.Kd2 g2 72.Kc3 Ke4 73.Kc4 g1Q 74.Kb5 Kd5 75.Kb4 Qb6+ 76.Ka4 Ke6 77.Ka3 Qb3#)* 69.Kd1 g2 70.Kc2 Na1+ *(70...g1R 71.Kxb3 Rg4 72.Kb2 Ke2 73.Kc3 Rh4 74.Kc2 Rh3 75.Kb1 Kd2 76.Kb2 Re3 77.Ka1 Kc2 78.Ka2 Rh3 79.Ka1 Ra3#)* 71.Kc3 g1Q *(71...g1R 72.Kc4 Rg5 73.Kd4 Rh5 74.Kd3 Rh4 75.Kd2 Rd4+ 76.Kc3 Ke3 77.Kb2 Kd2 78.Kb1 Rb4+ 79.Ka2 Kc1 80.Ka3 Nc2+ 81.Ka2 Rb2#)* 72.Kb2 Ke4 73.Ka2 Qa7+ 74.Kb2 Kd3 75.Kc1 Qb8 76.Kd1 Qb1#]

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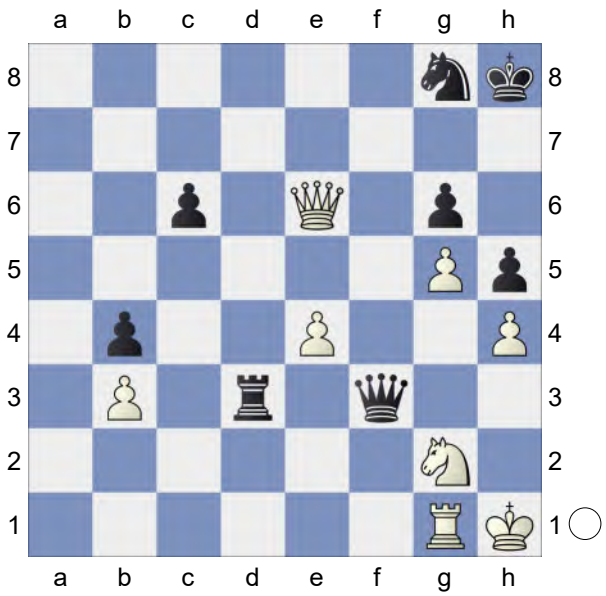


41.Qe5+ Kh7K ...Qxe4! would now be deadly. Black is fighting back **42.Ra1 Rd7** Inhibits Ra7.

[42...Rxb3 43.Ra7+]

43.Kg1 -0.74/23

[43.Qe6= -0.01/22 Re7 44.Qxc6]

43...Rf7 -0.01/22

[43...Qxb3∓ -0.74/23 44.Rc1 Qa4]

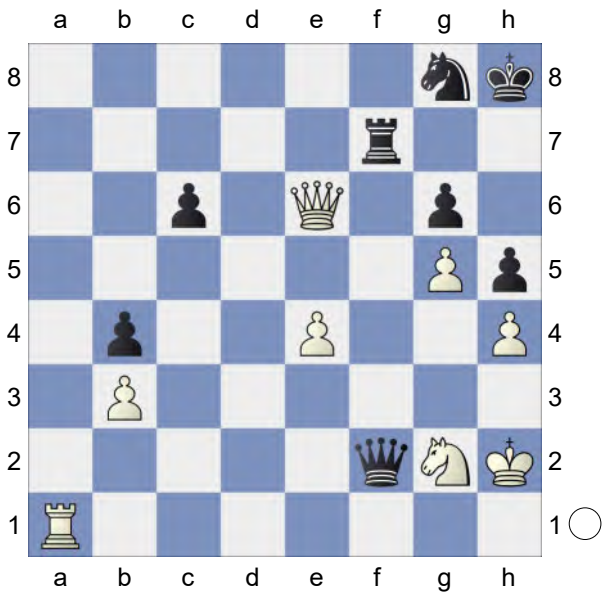
44.Qe6 Qf2+ 0.64/24

[44...Re7= 0.01/25 45.Qxc6 Qxb3]

45.Kh2± Kh8? 3.81/23

[Black should play 45...Rf4± 0.49/22 46.Ra7+ Qxa7 47.Nxf4 Qf2+ 48.Ng2 c5]

(Diagram)



46.Ra8? 1.38/25
[46.Qxc6 Rf4 47.Kh1 Rg4=]
[46.Qxg6+- 3.81/23 is the precise move to win. Strongly threatening Ra8! Rf8 47.Qxh5+ *(47.Qxc6 Rf4=)* 47...Kg7 48.Rd1]
46...Qf3? 9.95/25
[46...Kh7± 1.38/25 47.Qxc6 Rg7]
47.Qxg6+-
[47.Qxc6 Rg7±]
47...Rg7 48.Qh6+ Rh7 49.Qg6 -0.01/29
[49.Qd6+- 9.60/30]
49...Rg7!= 50.Qxc6 Rh7

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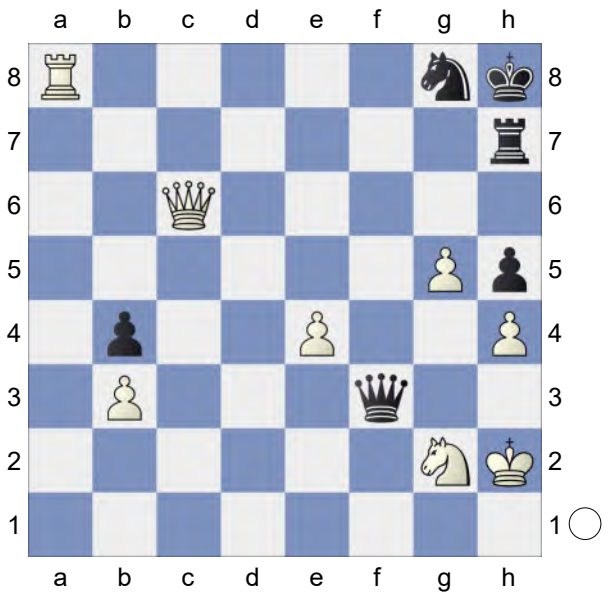
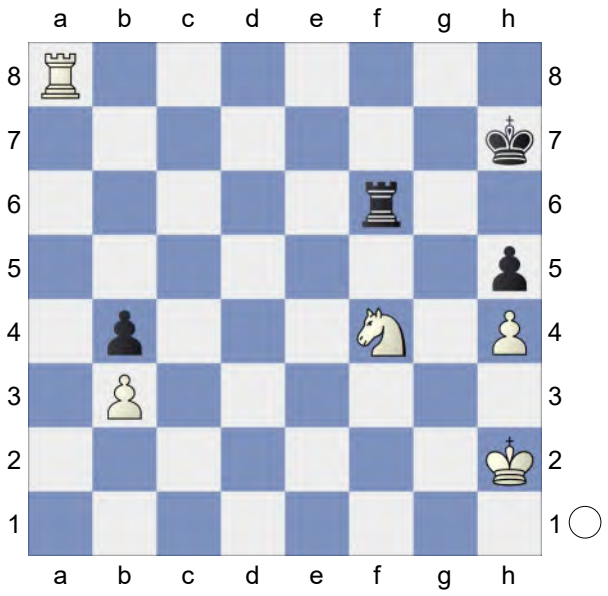
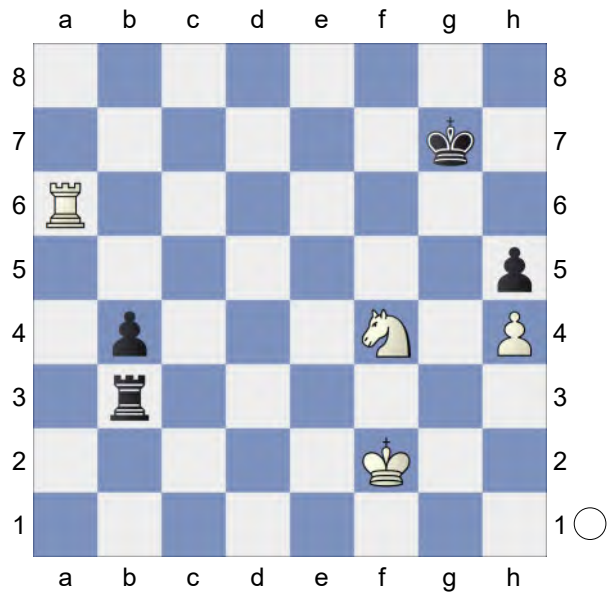


51.Qf6+ Qxf6 52.gxf6+- Endgame. KRN-KRN **52...Rf7 53.e5 Kh7 54.Nf4 Nxf6 55.exf6 Rxf6**

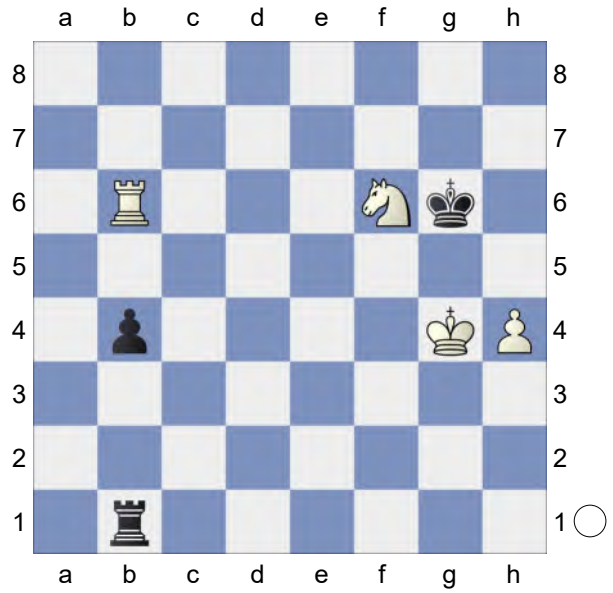


KRN-KR **56.Kg3 Rc6 57.Ra7+ Kh6 58.Ra8?** 0.01/27
[White should try 58.Rd7+- 7.29/24]
58...Rc3+? 5.77/29
[58...Kh7!= 0.01/27 and Black has nothing to worry. 59.Rd8 *(59.Nxh5 Rc3+ 60.Kg4 Rxb3+-)* 59...Kh6]
59.Kf2 Rxb3 60.Ra6+ Kg7

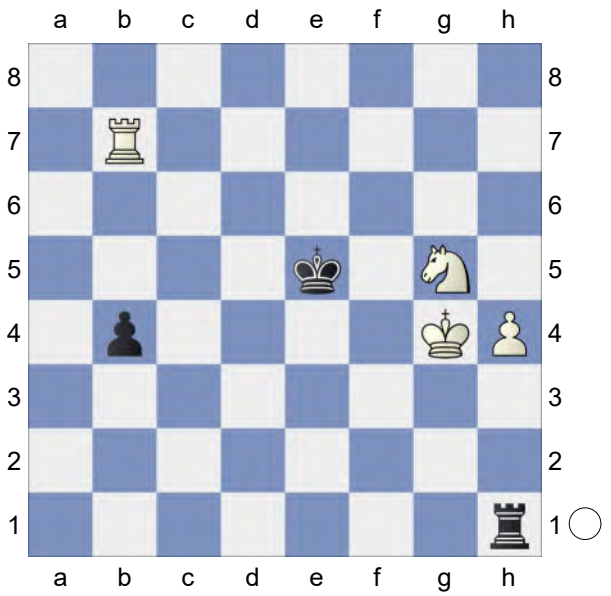
(Diagram)



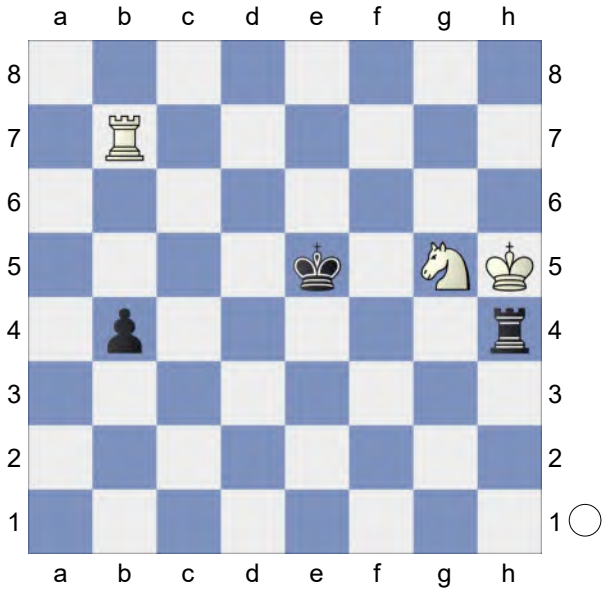
61.Rb6 Kh7 6.53/21
[⌓61...Rb2+ 4.55/22 62.Kf3 Rb3+ 63.Ke4 Rb1 64.Nxh5+ Kf7]
62.Nxh5 Rb2+ 63.Kg3 Hoping for Nf6+. **63...Rb3+ 64.Kg4 Rb1 65.Nf6+ Kg6**



66.Ne4+ Kf7 67.Ng5+ Kg7 68.Kh5 Rh1 8.34/30
[⌓68...b3 5.12/18 69.Ne6+ Kf6 70.Nc5+ Ke7 71.Rxb3 *(71.Nxb3 Rd1+-)* 71...Re1]
69.Rb7+ Kf6 70.Kg4 Ke5
(Diagram)

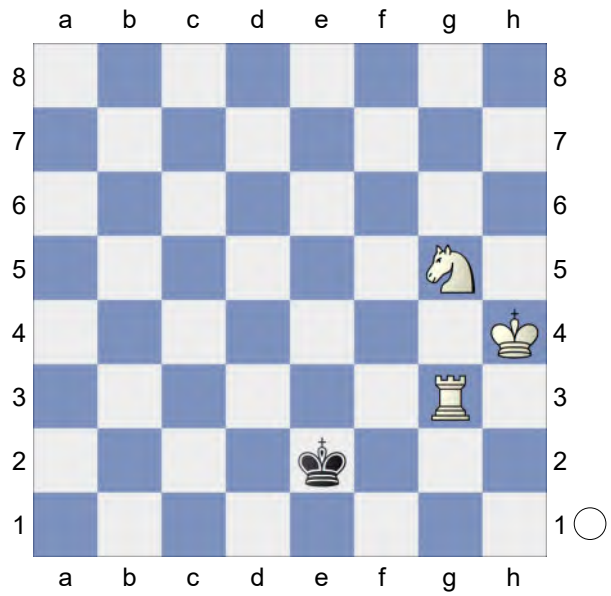


71.Kh5? 0.01/18
[71.Rb5++- 6.76/22 Kd6 72.Rxb4]
71...Rxh4+? #14/21



72.Kxh4 Kd4 73.Rxb4+ Kc3 74.Rg4 Kd3 75.Rg3+ 8.44/21
[⌓75.Ne6 #10/22 Kc2 76.Nc5 Kc3 77.Kg3 Kb2 78.Kf3 Kc3 79.Ke3 Kc2 80.Na4]
75...Ke2

(Diagram)



76.Rg2+ Ke3 77.Rg4? -0.01/24
[77.Ne6 #11/24 Kd3 78.Rg4 Ke3 79.Kg3 Kd2 80.Kf3 Kd3 81.Nc5+ Kc3 82.Ke2]
77...Kf2? #5/12
[77...Kd3= -0.01/24 78.Ne6 Ke3 79.Nc5 Ke2 80.Kg3 Kd2 81.Kf3 Kc2 82.Rc4+ Kb1]
78.Rg3? 0.01/30
[78.Re4 #5/12 Kg2 79.Kg4 Kg1 80.Kg3 Kf1 81.Nh7 Kg1 82.Re1#]
78...Kf1? #7/16
[78...Ke2= 0.01/30 79.Ne4 Kd1 80.Rc3 Ke1 81.Kg4 Ke2 82.Kg3 Ke1 83.Kf3 Kd1 84.Ke3 Ke1 85.Rc1#]
79.Rg4? -0.01/28
[79.Re3 #7/16 mates Kf2 80.Re8 Kg2 81.Kg4 Kf2 82.Kh3 Kf1 83.Kg3 Kg1 84.Re1#]
79...Kf2!= 80.Rf4+

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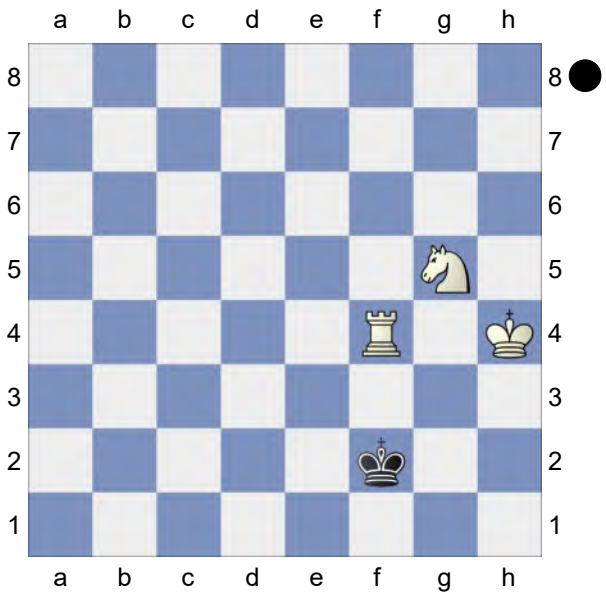
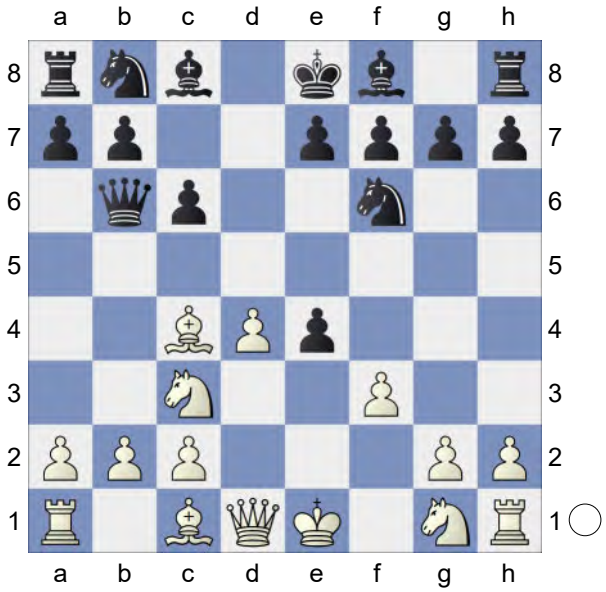


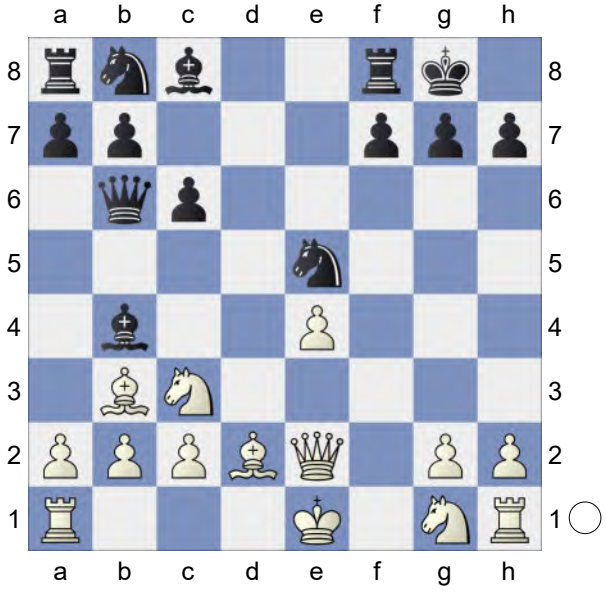
White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.62
1-0

64 **B12**
□ **Mrbochwalt** **2934**
■ **Amsberserker** **2738**
Blitz 13.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.Bc4 Nf6



6.fxe4 e5 7.dxe5 Ng4 8.Qe2 Repels Qf2+. Threatens to win with e6! The position is equal. **8...Nxe5 9.Bb3 Bb4N**
[9...Bg4 10.Nf3 Nbd7 11.Bd2 0-0-0 12.h3 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Bh5 14.0-0-0 Ne5 15.Na4 Qc7 16.Rhf1 Be7 17.Kb1 Kb8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rxd1+ 20.Qxd1 Rd8 21.Qe2 Qa5 22.Ka2 f6 23.Qh2 Ka8 24.Qg1 0-1 (53) Beerdsen,T (2520)-Bluebaum,M (2651) Elllobregat op 3rd 2022 (3) g5 25.f4 Nf3 26.Qg3 Nd2 27.Bxd2 Qxd2 28.fxg5 fxg5 29.Qe5 Qd7 30.h4 Qd6 31.Qg7 gxh4 32.e5 Qd7 33.Qxh7 Bg4 34.Rf7 Re8 35.Rg7 Bf5 36.Qh5 Qc8 37.Rf7 Bg4 38.Qh7 Qd8 39.Qe4 1-0 (53) Beerdsen,T (2515)-Ivic,V (2585) II Wijk aan Zee 2023 Bc8 40.Qh7 h3 41.e6 Rh8 42.Qe4 h2 43.Rh7 Rxh7 44.Qxh7 Qd6 45.Nc3 Bxe6 46.Ne4 Qe5 47.Nf2 Bf6 48.Nd3 Bxb3+ 49.cxb3 Qb8 50.Nc5 Bg7 51.Qh3 Bd4 52.Ne6 Qh8 53.Qg3 Be5 0-1 Castro Salguero,R (2520)-Mladenov,P (2651) Katowice op 1992 (3)]
10.Bd2 0-0



11.Nf3 Bg4 12.0-0-0 Nbd7 13.h3 Bxf3 0.51/19
[13...Bh5= 0.09/18]
14.gxf3± And now f4 would win. **14...a5** 1.33/20
[⌓14...Nc5 0.88/18]
15.f4 Bxc3

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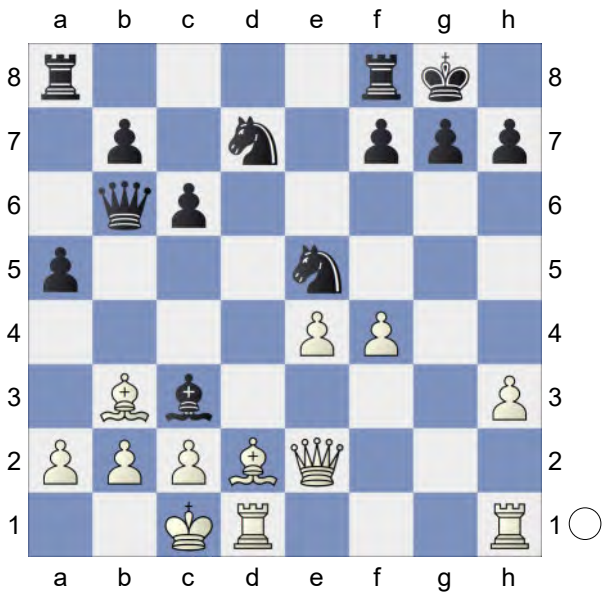
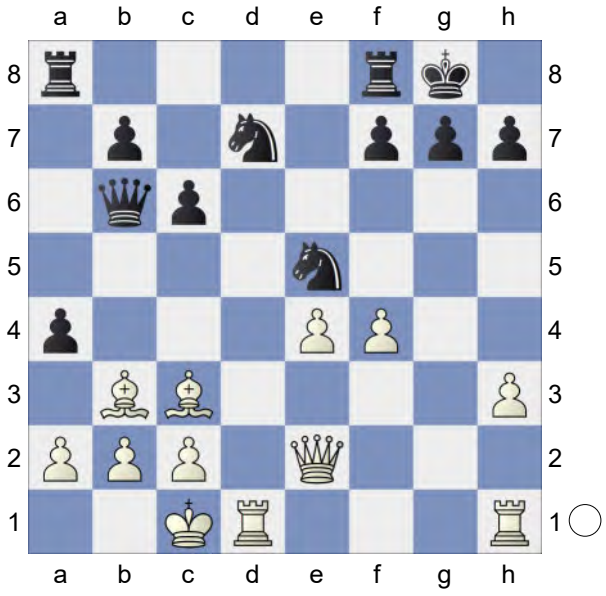


Remove Defender **16.Bxc3 a4**



17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.fxe5 e6 is the strong threat. **18...Nc5** 1.45/19
[⌓18...Re8 1.00/20]
19.Rd6± a3 20.b3 0.76/21
[⌓20.bxa3 1.42/20 aiming for e6. Re8 21.Re1]
20...Re8

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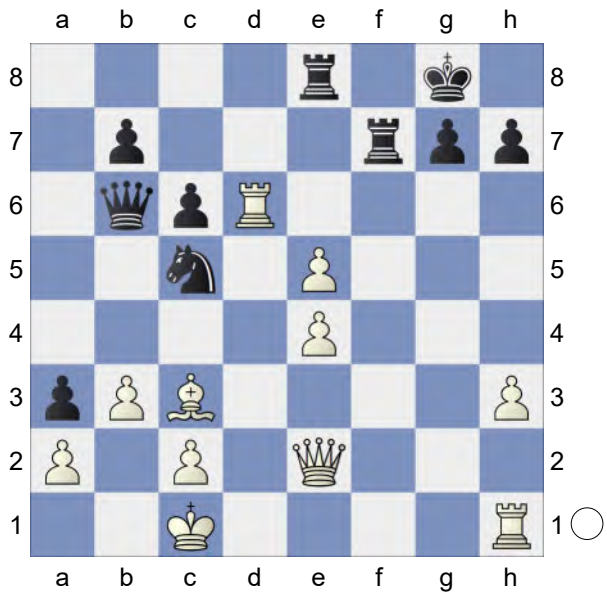

21.Qc4 Dodges Ne6 **21...Qb5 22.Qxb5 cxb5 23.Re1↑** White is on the roll.
23...Rf4 1.27/21
[⌓23...h5 0.91/20]
24.Bb4 Ne6 1.86/20
[24...Rxe4± 1.17/21 is a better defense. 25.Rxe4 *(25.Bxc5? Rxe1+ 26.Kd2 R1xe5-+)* 25...Nxe4]
25.Rb6 Nd4 1.97/20
[25...g5± 1.51/20 might work better. 26.Bxa3 *(26.Rxb5 Rf2±; 26.Rxb7 Nd4+-)* 26...h5 27.Rxb7 *(27.Rxb5 g4±)* 27...Rc8]

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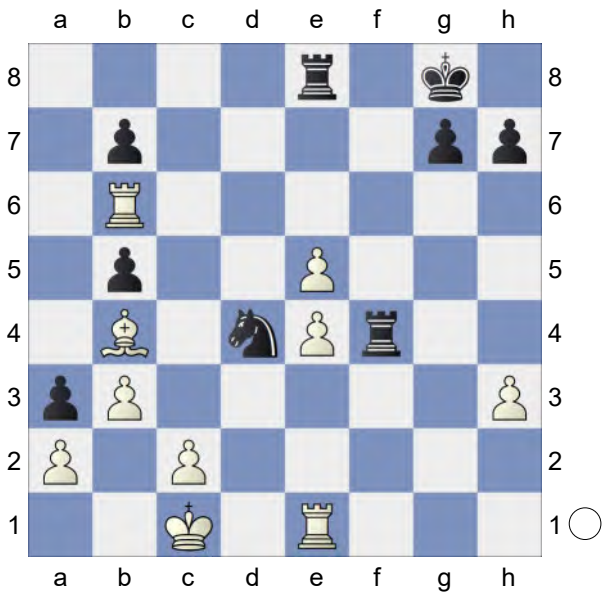
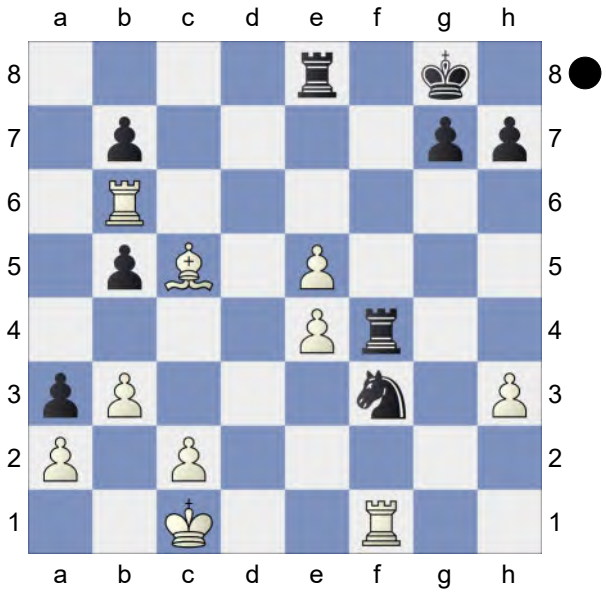
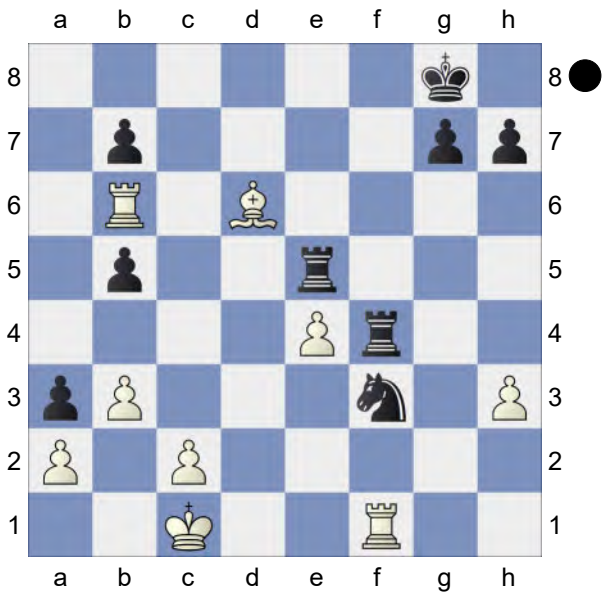


26.Bc5 Nf3 2.79/21
[⌓26...Rd8 1.91/19 27.Rd6 *(27.Bxa3 Rc8±; 27.Rxb7 Ne2+ 28.Kb1 Nc3+ 29.Ka1 Rxe4+-)* 27...Nc6 28.Bxa3 Re8]
27.Rf1



e6 would now be deadly. **27...Rxe5** 5.01/25
[27...Nd4 2.33/19 28.Re1 *(28.Rxf4 Ne2+ 29.Kd2 Nxf4+-)* 28...Rd8]
28.Bd6
[Weaker is 28.Rxb5 Rf7±]



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65 **B12**
□ **Chesstoday** **2843**
■ **sumsar42** **2830**
Blitz 03.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Chess Informant **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.a3N**

[4.Nc3 Nf6 *(4...Bb4 5.Bf4 Ne7 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 a5 8.0-0-0 Ba6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.h4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.Bd6 Rc8 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nf4* Sethuraman,S (2732)-15.♘c4 0-0 16. ♕e5 ♖ab8 (2663) USA 6/586 1968*; 4...Qb6 5.a3 Nd7 6.Be3 Ngf6 7.Be2 dxe4 8.fxe4 e5 9.Qd2 Qc7 10.0-0-0 exd4 11.Bxd4 Bd6 12.Be3 Be5 13.Nf3* 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3…e6-3…e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4…Qb6 #5*)* 5.Be3 dxe4 *(5...Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 c5 9.f4 Nc6 10.Nf3 Qa5 11.Kf2 Qa4 12.h4 b6 13.h5 h6 14.g4 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.a4 Rc8 17.Qd3* 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3…e6-3…e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4…Nf6 / 5.*)* 6.fxe4 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Nf6 10.Qxg7 Rg8 11.Qh6 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3…e6-3…e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4...Nf6 / 5.]

4...c5 5.Be3 Nc6

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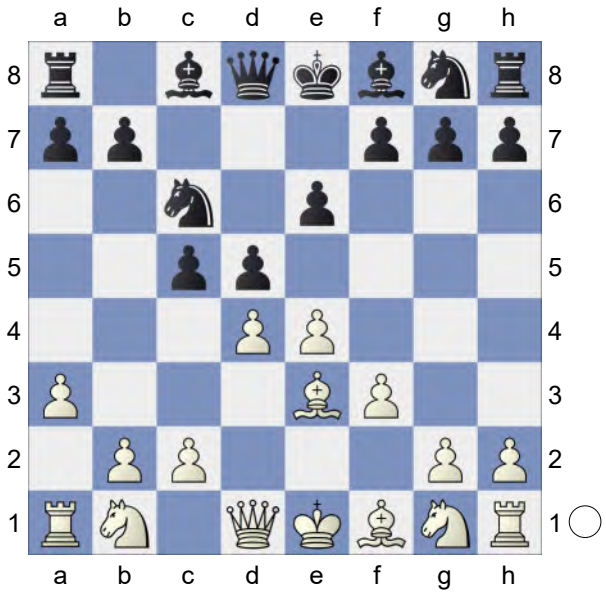
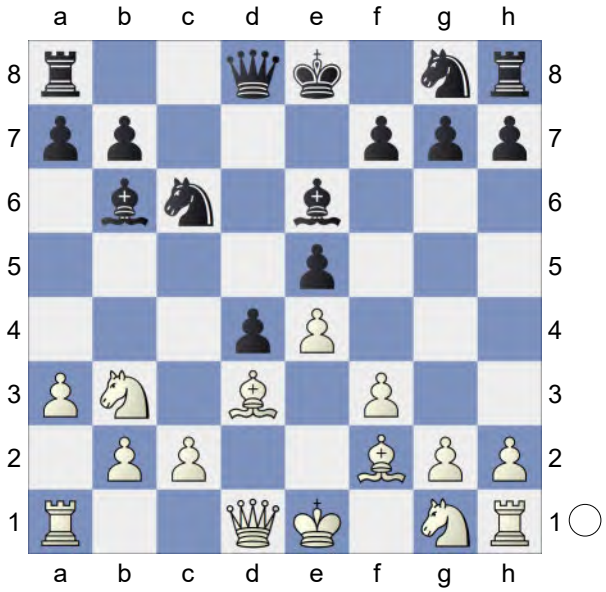


6.dxc5 d4 7.Bf2 Bxc5 8.Nd2
The position is equal. **8...e5 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.Bd3 Be6**



11.Ne2 Nge7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nd2 Rc8 14.f4 f6 15.f5 Bf7

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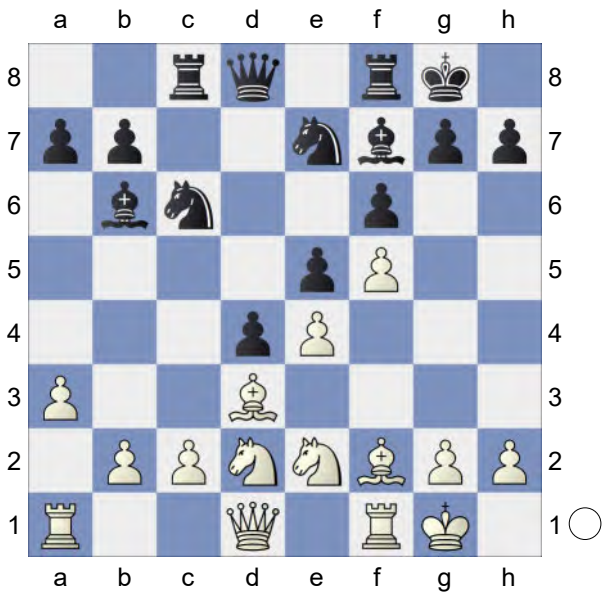
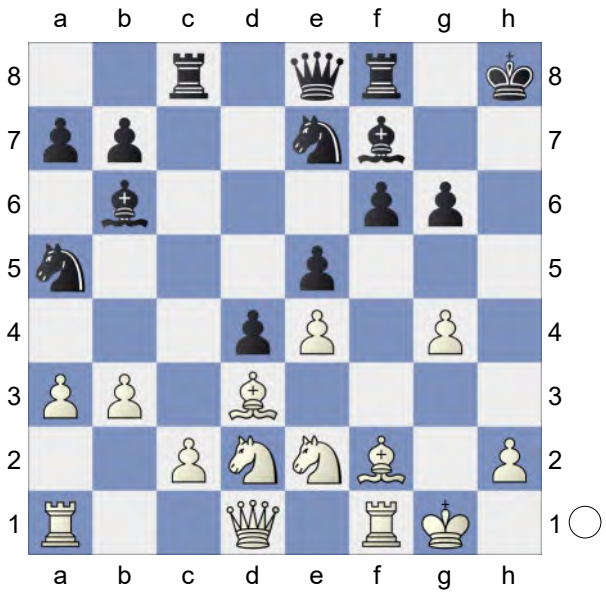
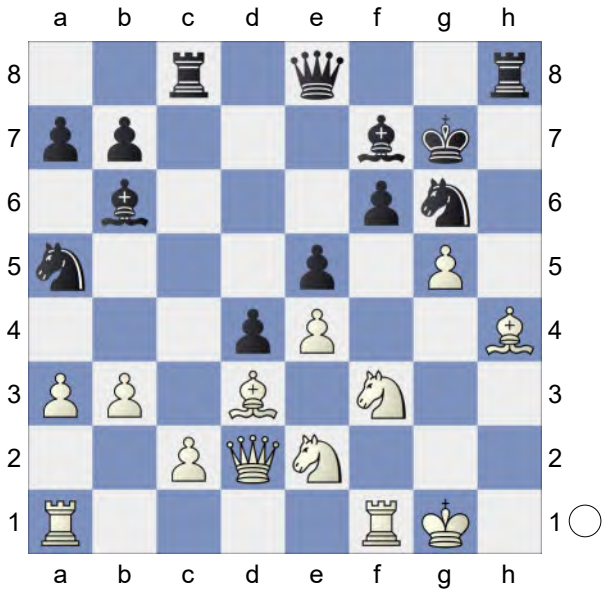


16.Bc4 Qe8 17.b3 Kh8 18.g4 Na5 19.Bd3 g5 20.fxg6 -0.60/19
[20.Ng3= 0.10/15]
20...hxg6

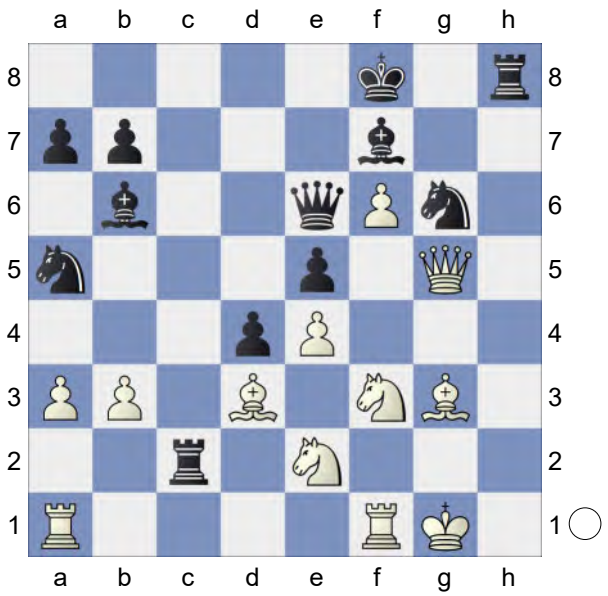


21.Nf3 g5 22.h4 gxh4 0.50/19
[22...Be6∓ -0.43/20 23.hxg5 Bxg4]
23.Qd2
[23.Nxh4!? Qd7 24.Ng3±]
23...Kg7 1.44/18 Inhibits Qh6+.
[23...Kh7= 0.28/18 keeps the balance.]
24.Bxh4± Ng6 2.42/19
[24...Bxb3± 1.32/16 was necessary. 25.Ng3 *(25.cxb3 Nxb3 26.Qa2 Nxa1±)* 25...Kg8 Remove Defender]
25.g5 1.03/19
[25.Ng3+- 2.42/19 is more deadly. Threatening mate with Nf5+. Nxh4 26.Nxh4]
25...Rh8 1.52/19
[Black should play 25...f5 1.03/19]



26.gxf6+ Kf8 27.Bg3 aiming for Nxe5!
[27.Qg5 Rxc2 28.Bg3 *(28.Bxc2 d3+ 29.Bf2 dxe2=)* 28...Rxe2 29.Bxe2 *(29.Bxe5? Qe6-+)* 29...d3+ *(29...Nxb3? 30.Bd3+-)* 30.Kg2 Qe6∓]
27...Qe6 28.Qg5 1.27/19 Dodges Qg4
[White should try 28.Rf2+- 1.99/20]
28...Rxc2

(Diagram)



Remove Defender, Decoy **29.Rf2↑** Keeping Black busy.

[29.Bxc2? d3+ 30.Rf2 Qh3-+]

[29.Bxe5? Rxe2 30.Bxe2 d3+ *(30...Nxb3 31.Bd3±)* 31.Bd4 dxe2-+]

29...Rc3 2.62/17

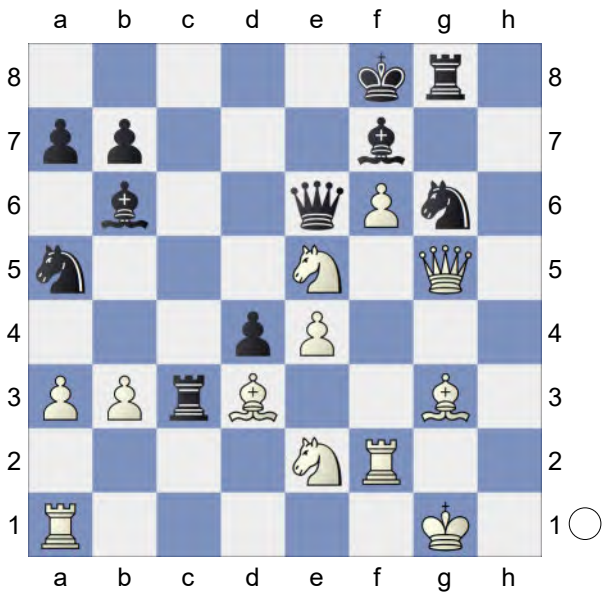
[29...Rc8± 1.56/18]

30.Nxe5+-

[30.Nxc3 dxc3 31.Nh4 Rh7 *(31...Bxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Rxh4 33.Bxh4=)* 32.Nxg6+ Bxg6 33.Qxe5 *(33.Qxg6? Qh3-+)* 33...Qxe5 34.Bxe5 Rd7-+ *(34...Bxf2+ 35.Kxf2 Rh5 36.Bxc3±)*]

30...Rg8

(Diagram)



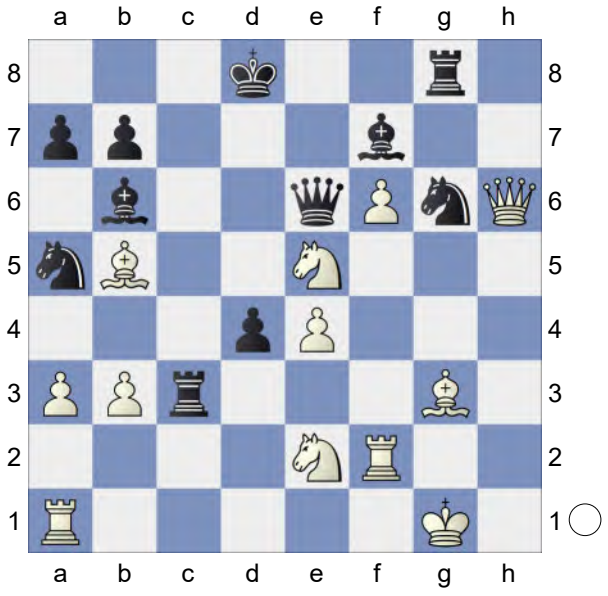
31.Qh6+ Ke8 32.Bb5+ 2.19/20

Some like it hot

[32.Nxf7± 1.57/21 Qxf7 33.Nxc3 dxc3 34.Qg5]

32...Kd8? 7.30/20

[32...Rc6 2.19/20 33.Nxf7 *(33.Nxc6 bxc6 34.Bd3 Qxb3=; 33.Bxc6+ Nxc6 34.Nxf7 Qxf7=)* 33...Qxf7]



33.Nxf7+ Qxf7 34.Nxc3 dxc3 35.Rd1+ Kc8

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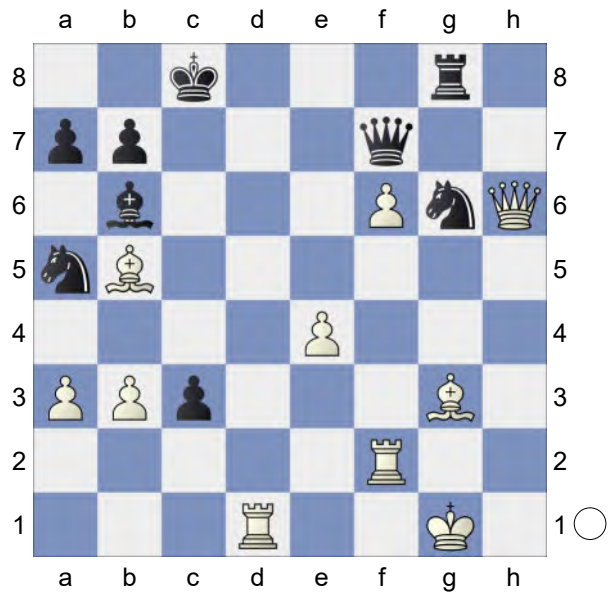
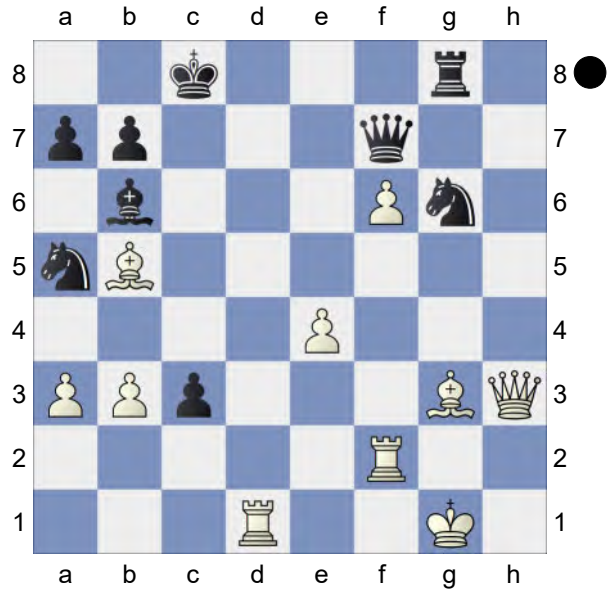


36.Qh3+



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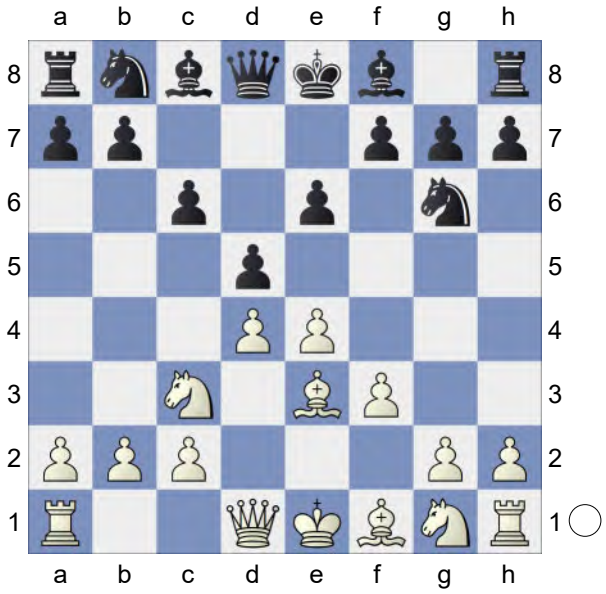
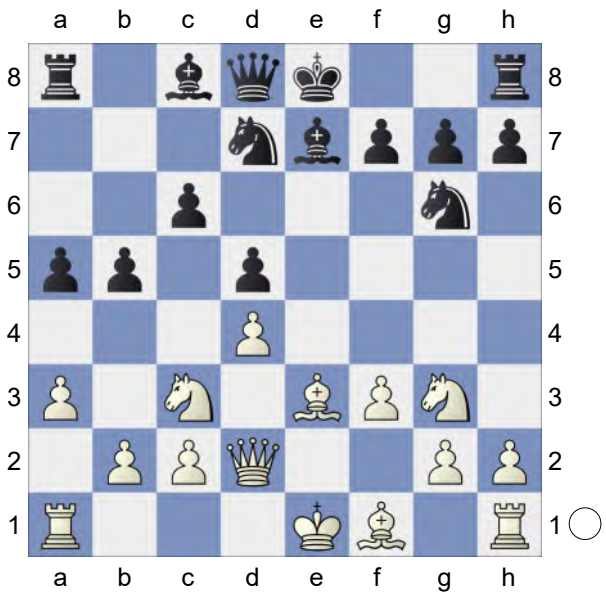
66 **B12**
□ **Mrbochwalt** **2937**
■ **Ivanov,Alexander** **2596**
Blitz 13.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
In our odds and ends section we will now tackle the Fantasy Variation. This is actually a pretty decent and aggressive weapon for White as he tries to maintain a perfect center Ostrovskiy, Aleksandr: 'Gotham: 'In our odds and ends section we will now tackle the Fantasy Variation. This is actually a pretty decent and aggressive weapon for White as he tries to maintain a perfect center'' In our odds and ends section we will now tackle the Fantasy Variation. This is actually a pretty decent and aggressive weapon for White as he tries to maintain a perfect center
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Ne7N
[4...Qb6 5.a3 Nd7 6.Be3 Ngf6 7.Rb1 dxe4 8.fxe4 e5 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.Qd2 Qc7 11.Bc4 0-0 12.0-0 exd4 13.Bxd4 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.Kh1 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qf4 Qxf4 19.Rxf4 (39) Fantasy Caro-3..e6 & 3..e5!?]
[4...Bb4 5.Bf4 *(5.Bd2 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 - - 6.* ♗d2 c5 54370 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)*; 5.Nge2 dxe4 6.fxe4 Qh4+ 7.Ng3 Nf6 8.Qf3 e5 9.dxe5 Bg4 10.Qf2 Nh5 11.Bf4 Nxg3 12.Bxg3 Qe7 13.Qf4 Qe6 14.Qg5 Qg6 15.Qxg6 hxg6 16.Bc4 Ke7 17.0-0 Be6 18.Bxe6 Kxe6 19.Ne2 Bc5+* 1-0 (39) Berriot,B (2396)-Tinture, L (2445) ch-65 France 1999*)* 5...Nf6 *(5...Ne7 6.Nge2 dxe4 7.fxe4 Ng6 8.Bg3 e5 9.dxe5 0-0 10.Qd4 Qe7 11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.e6 fxe6 13.h4 Nb6 14.e5 Bc5 15.Qe4 Nd5 16.Rd3 Rf5 17.Nd4 Ndf4 18.Nf3 Nxd3+ 19.Bxd3 Bd7 20.h5* ½-½ (45) De Castro,A (2471)-Staunton Gambit 4.Bg5 6.fxe4 (2499) 48/204 Palma de Mallorca 1989 (5) *)* 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 0-0 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.g4 c5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 ½-½ Mcshane,L (2615)-Dreev,A (2695) 18th North Sea Cup 2003 (9)]
5.Be3 Ng6

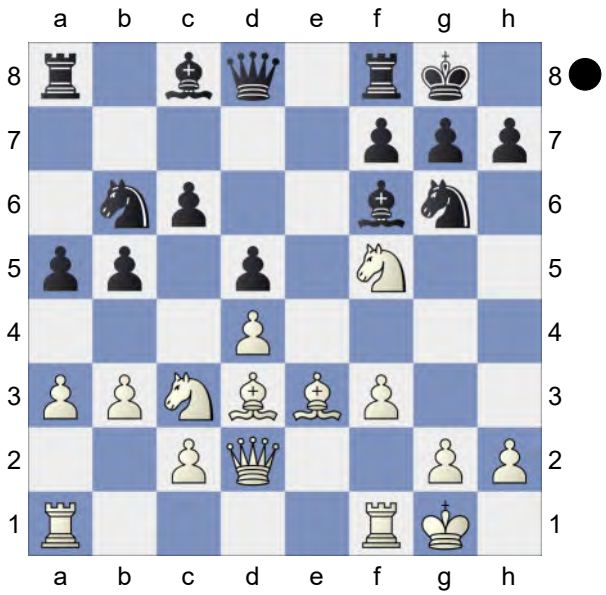


6.a3 Be7 7.Qd2 a5 8.Nge2
The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.Ng3 b5 10.exd5 exd5**

(Diagram)



11.Nf5 0-0 12.Bd3 Bf6 13.0-0 Nb6
Threatens to win with ...Bxf5. **14.b3**



Nc4 -0.07/23 **15.bxc4= bxc4**

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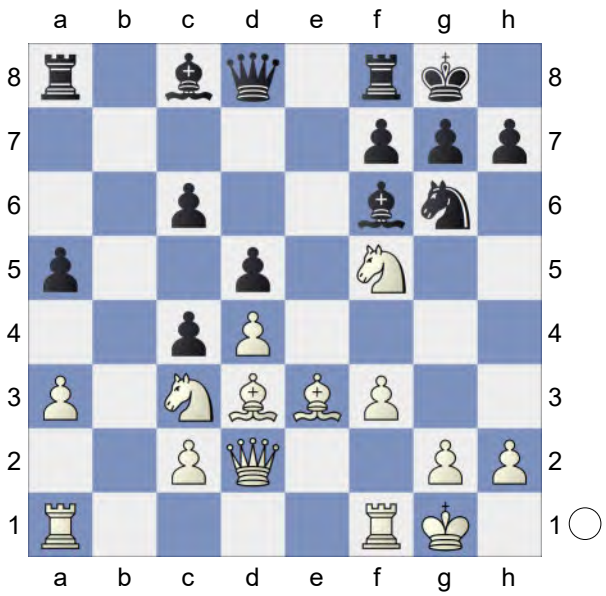
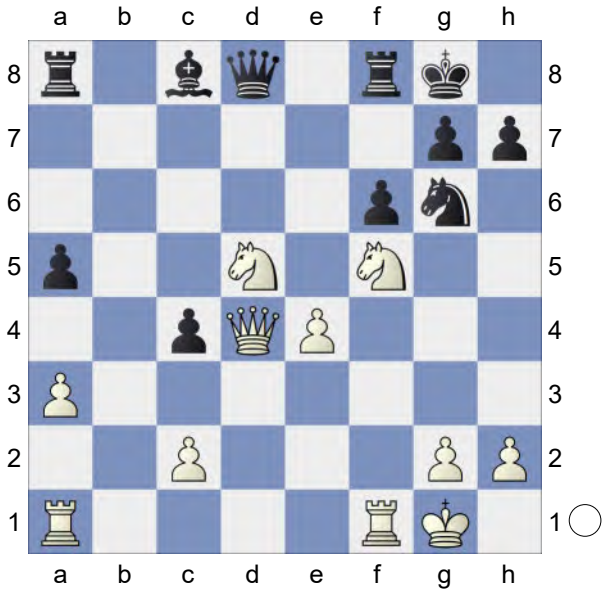
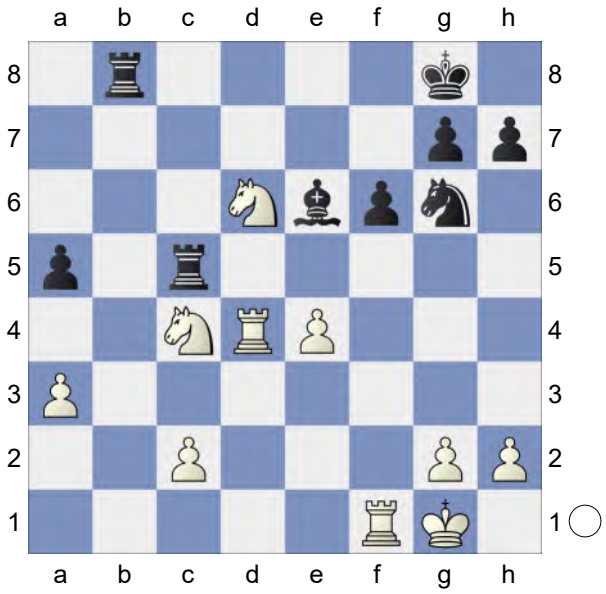


16.Be4 dxe4 17.fxe4 c5 0.65/22
18.Nd5±
[18.dxc5 Qxd2 19.Bxd2 Bxf5 20.Rxf5 *(20.exf5 Rad8±)* 20...Bd4+ 21.Kf1 Ne7=]
18...Bxd4 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Qxd4 0.22/21
[20.Nxd4 Be6=]
[20.Nh6+!± 0.69/23 should be considered. Kh8 *(20...gxh6? 21.Nf6++-)* 21.Nxf7+ *(21.Qxd4 f6∓)* 21...Rxf7 22.Rxf7]
20...f6



21.Rad1 Be6 0.80/20
[21...Bxf5= 0.29/22 22.exf5 Ne5]
22.Nb6 0.26/22 White has more active pieces. Excellent horsemanship.
[22.Qxc4± 0.80/20 Kh8 23.Kh1]
22...Rb8 23.Nxc4 And now Qa7 would win. **23...Qxd4+ 24.Rxd4 Rfc8 25.Nfd6 Rc5**



26.Ne3 Rc3 27.Ndc4 -0.57/21
[27.Rd3= -0.08/22 feels stronger. Rxd3 28.cxd3]
27...Rc8 0.01/25
[27...Bxc4∓ -0.57/21 28.Nxc4 Rxc2]
28.Nd6 Rd8 0.66/23
[28...Rxe3? 29.Nxc8 h6 30.Rf3 Re1+ 31.Kf2+-]
[28...R8c5= -0.05/22 29.Ndf5 h5]
29.Nd5 -0.36/23
[29.Nb5± 0.66/23 Rxd4 30.Nxc3]
29...Rxd6 0.22/23
[29...Rxc2∓ -0.36/23 30.Rf2 Rc6]

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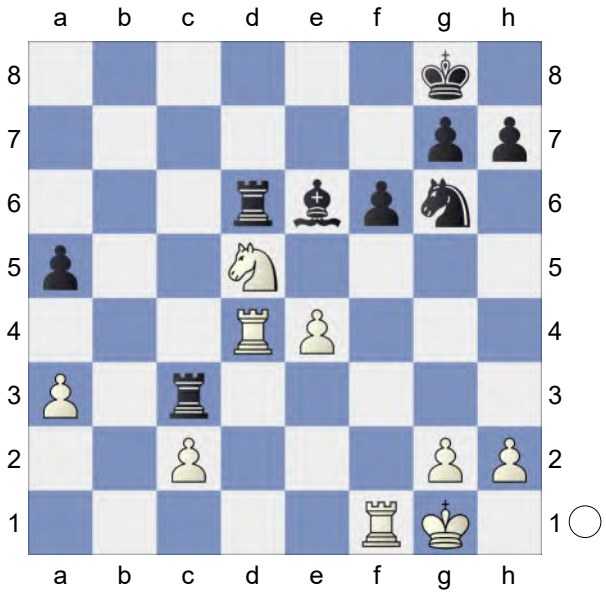
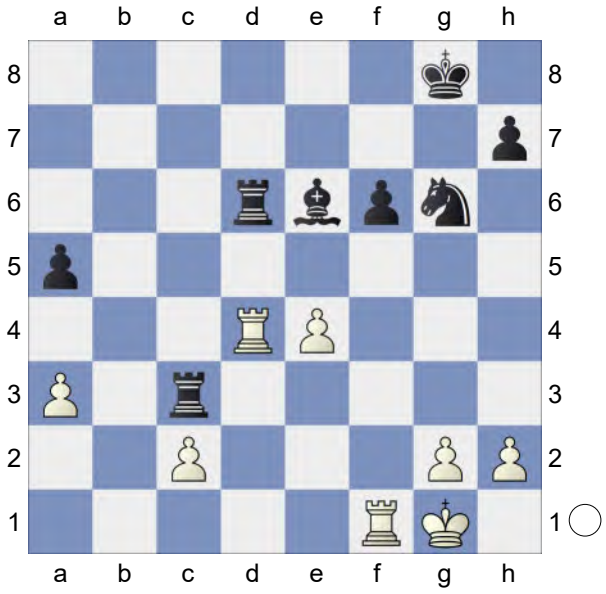


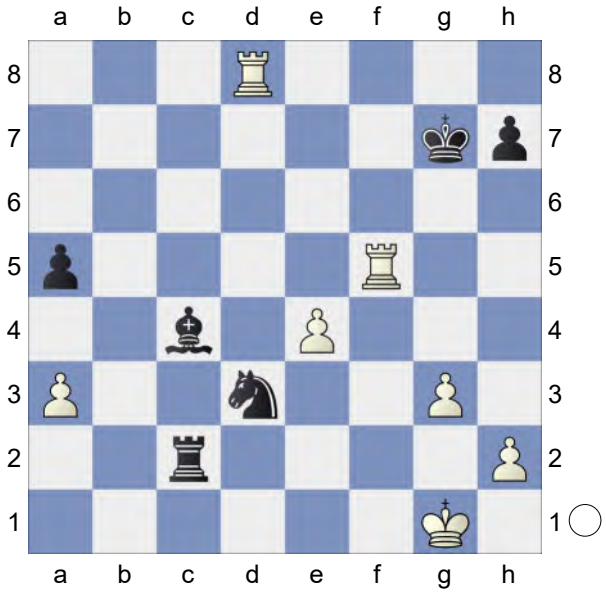
30.Nxf6+!= Discovered Attack **30...gxf6**
[30...Kf7 31.Ng8+ Ke8 32.Rxd6±]



31.Rxd6 Bc4 0.63/21
[31...Kf7= 0.01/22]
32.Rfxf6± Hoping for h4! **32...Rxc2** 1.57/21
[⌓32...Rxa3 0.72/21 33.Rf3 Ra4]
33.g3? -0.01/19
[33.Rf5± 1.57/21]
33...Ne5 0.69/23
[33...Rc1+= -0.01/19 34.Kg2 Ne5]
34.Rf5 Nd3 2.19/23

[34...Rc1+± 0.79/21 35.Kg2 Rc2+ 36.Kg1 Rc1+ 37.Kf2 Ng4+ 38.Kf3 Nxh2+ 39.Kf4 Rg1]

35.Rd8+ Kg7



36.Rd7+

[36.Rxa5 h5=]

36...Kg6 37.Rd6+

[37.Rxa5 Rc1+ 38.Kg2 Rc2+ 39.Kg1 *(39.Kf3 Ne1+ 40.Kf4 Rf2+ 41.Ke3 Re2+ 42.Kf4 Rf2+ 43.Ke3 Re2+ 44.Kf4 Rf2+=)* 39...Rc1+ 40.Kg2 Rc2+ 41.Kg1= *(41.Kf3 Ne1+ 42.Kf4 Rf2+ 43.Ke5 Nf3+ 44.Kd6 Re2∓)*]

37...Kg7 38.h4 aiming for Rd7+.

38...Ne1 2.19/24

[38...Rc1+± 1.20/21 39.Kg2 Nc5]

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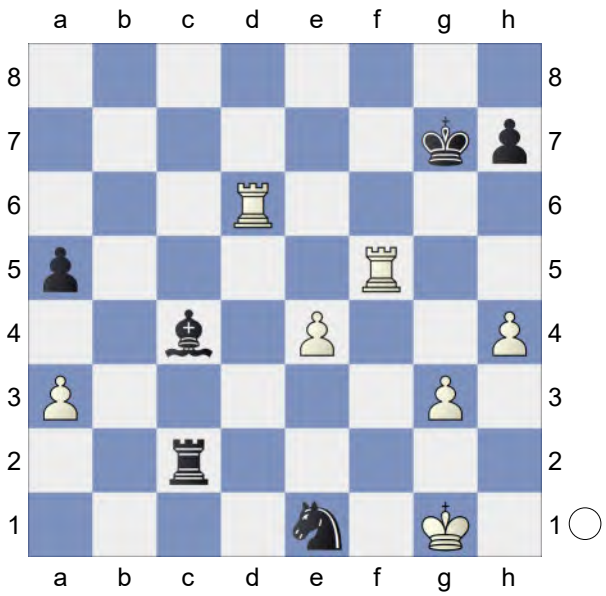


39.Rd7+ 1.12/21

[39.Rxa5? Nf3+ 40.Kh1 Rh2#]

[White should play 39.h5!+- 2.19/24 h6 40.Rc6 *(40.Rxa5? Nf3+ 41.Kh1 Rh2#)*]

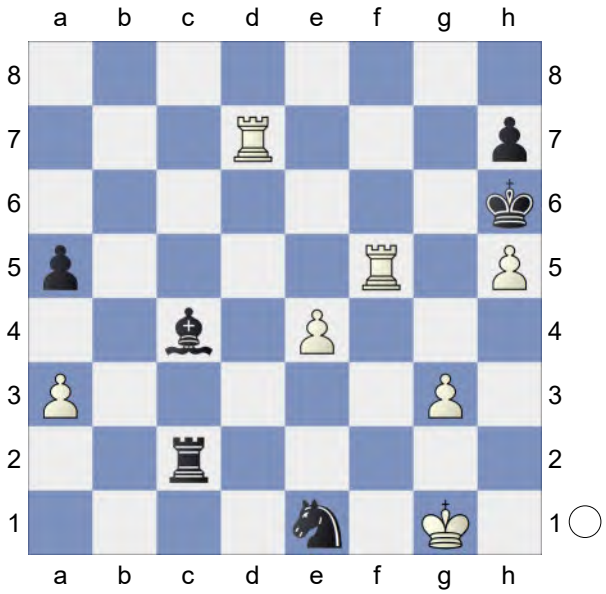
39...Kg6 13.24/24

[39...Kg8± 1.12/21]

40.h5++-

[40.Rxa5? Nf3+ 41.Kh1 Rh2#]

40...Kh6



41.Rd6+

[41.Rxa5? Nf3+ 42.Kh1 Rh2#]

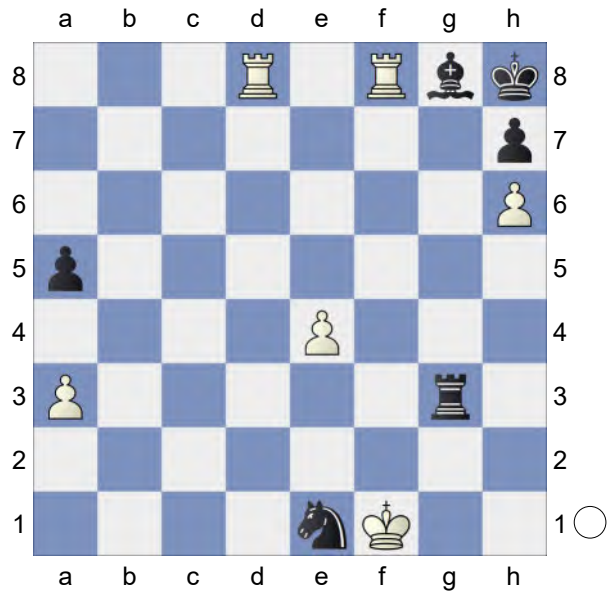
41...Kg7 42.h6+

[42.Rxa5? Nf3+ 43.Kh1 Rh2#]

42...Kh8 43.Rd8+

[43.Rxa5? leads to mate. Nf3+ 44.Kh1 Rh2#]

43...Bg8 44.Rff8 Rg2+ 45.Kf1 Rxg3



46.Kxe1 4.50/24

[⌓46.e5 12.57/21 White threatens e6 and mate. Ng2 47.e6 Ne3+ 48.Kf2]

46...Rg6 7.49/27

[⌓46...a4 4.50/24 47.Rd1 Re3+ 48.Kf2 Re2+ 49.Kg1 *(49.Kf3 Rf2+ 50.Kxf2=)* 49...Rg2+ 50.Kf1 Rg1+ 51.Ke2 Re1+ 52.Rxe1 *(52.Kd2 Rxd1+ 53.Kxd1=)*]

47.e5 a4 48.Ke2? 0.00/23

[48.Rd7+- 6.95/23]

48...Rg5? 7.22/23

[48...Rg2+= 0.00/23 49.Ke3 Re2+ 50.Kd3 *(50.Kf3 Rf2+ 51.Kxf2=)* 50...Rd2+ 51.Kxd2]

49.Ke3? 0.00/63

[And not 49.e6 Re5+ 50.Kf3 Rf5+ 51.Rxf5= *(51.Ke4 Rf4+ 52.Ke5 Rf5+ 53.Kxf5=)*]

[49.Kd2+- 7.22/23]

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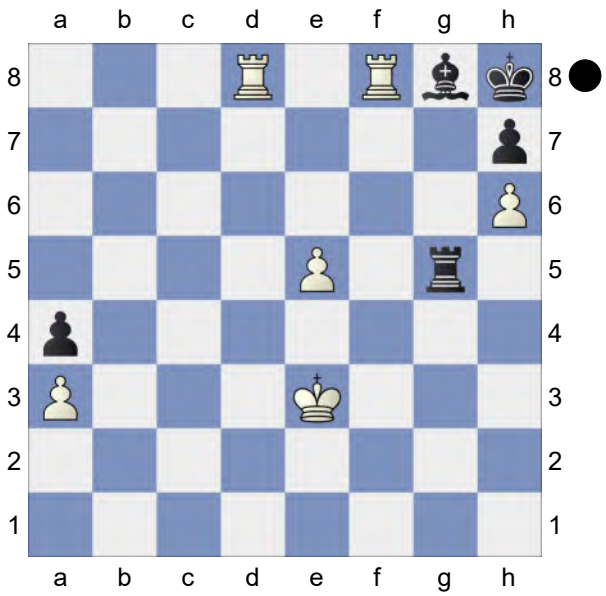

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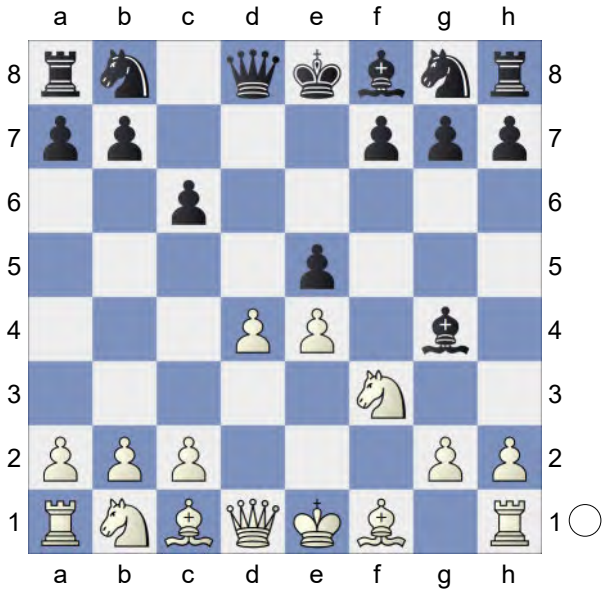
67 **B12**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2763**
■ **Wang,Hao** **2762**
Candidates Tournament (9) 20.04.2021
[Giri,Anish]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 Wang Hao is very solid against all the openings, and the Catalan wasn't an exception. This is the classical system, where Black chooses to stay a little passive, but it is incredibly solid and robust, the favourite of Vladimir Kramnik.
5.Nf3 Bg4

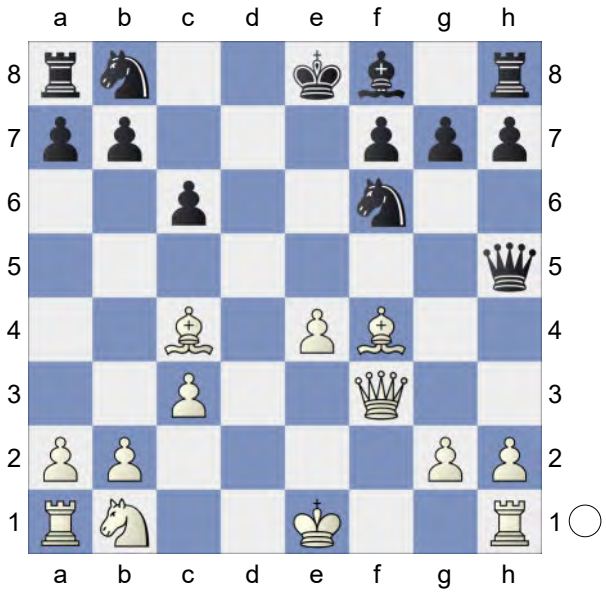


6.c3 Nf6
[6...Nd7]
7.Bc4 Qc7N 0.66/19
[7...Bh5 8.Qb3 I would have gone for the endgame by now, but it is really not much. *(8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe1 Bd6 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Nbd2 b5 12.Bb3 Re8 13.Qh4 Bg6 14.Kh1 h6 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Nf8 17.Ng5* V.C) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4...e5 5.Nf3 Bg4 #4 *)* 8...b5 9.Be2!]
[7...Bxf3 Black is solid, intending Ra8-Ra7 next, guarding the a5 pawn if needed. Black should eventually hold, with accurate play in this slightly lightly worse endgame. 8.Qxf3 was also not an easy solution- Nbd7 9.0-0! *(9.Be3)* 9...Bd6!? this looks like a winning tactic, but the line continues- 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Kh1 b5 12.Be2! provoking Rxb7 first. Qe7 13.Bd3 a6 14.Qh3 and White can't avoid a perpetual. Qe6 15.Qxe6! fxe6]
[Black should play 7...Bh5= 0.11/19]
8.dxe5± White is slightly better. In the past the theoretical debate was mainly revolving around the position after 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2!, but by now Black has solved his opening problems there as well and for the past few years, people started returning more and more to this sideline, which by now is probably the mainline. With a4 White stops the b7-b5 push, but does weaken the b4 square and loses some time.
8...Bxf3 0.97/21 The problem for Black in this line is his c8 bishop and now that b5 has been hindered, solving the development problem this way is the most common option.
[8...Nxe4 was the move I expected at first, but I was missing a strong resource for myself. 9.Bf4! Qd7 10.Nbd2! the knight does a great job here, blocking the rook and Black has nothing better but to go for passive defense with 29...Re8. Nxd2! was the way to go. 11.Bxd2]
[8...Nxe4± 0.60/19 deserves consideration. 9.Nbd2 Nxd2 10.Bxd2 Be7]
9.Qxf3± Qxe5 10.Bf4! The idea is that the natural 10. Nc3 is met with b5!-b4!, so White usually develops the bishop

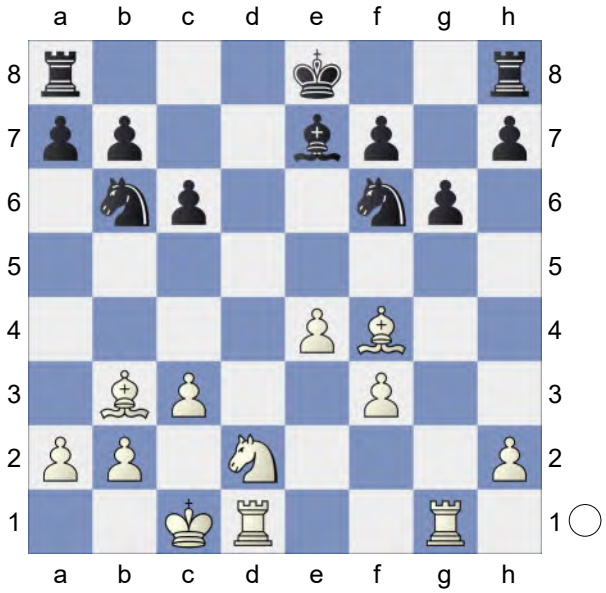
first. Alternatively, 10.Bg5 is also a major move, that I had surely tried a bunch of times as well. **10...Qh5** Old theory used to be 10...a5 followed by Na6, but the move Hao played is the trendiest. Black hints at trading the bishops.

[10...Qxe4+! 1.25/20 10...Qe7 0.71 the strongest. gxf4 can always be met with e4. 11.Qxe4+! would be a forced win, though I have to say I didn't really consider gifting Black Nd5 for free. Nxe4 12.Nd2! turns out Black is facing concrete issues. 20...f6 is met with 21.Nd7! and if 21...Rd8 then 22. Nxf6! wins, followed by 23.Rc7, while if 20...Kh7, then 21.e4! cracks the position, kicking the knight away from d5 and intending Rc7 next.]

[Reject 10...Qxe4+ 11.Qxe4+ Nxe4 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Kxd2+-]



11.Nd2 Previously I followed the main paths and used to address the issue of Bxf4, either with 11.Bg5 or the cunning 11.Qc1!?, which was a new idea I had many years ago, that by now has been played in hundreds of games. Both of these options remain critical, but for this game, I wanted to try the somewhat rare move, hoping to catch Hao slightly off guard. Indeed, he started taking some time. **11...Nbd7** Principled. **12.0-0-0 Nb6** Black is often choosing in this system between a5-Na6 and Nbd7 development. Each has its pros and cons, but sticking the knight on the weak b4 square is definitely tempting. **13.Bb3 Be7 14.Rhg1** Offering another trade of bishops. So far this has all been played, though the highest rated encounter So-Navara saw Wesley not trade the bishops yet and go for Kh1 Rg1 first. **14...Qxf3 15.gxf3 g6**



Five of the six games in the database saw Nb4 first, which was also what I expected. Hao keeps the knight on a6 and retains the option of challenging the center with c5. I had studied this position enough, to know that c5 break often doesn't solve all the problems here, as the weakness of b5 square will be felt and the knight on e5 becomes only more powerful, once the d-file gets opened. **16.Nc4** Usually White was going for Kh1 Rg1 plan here. This subtle

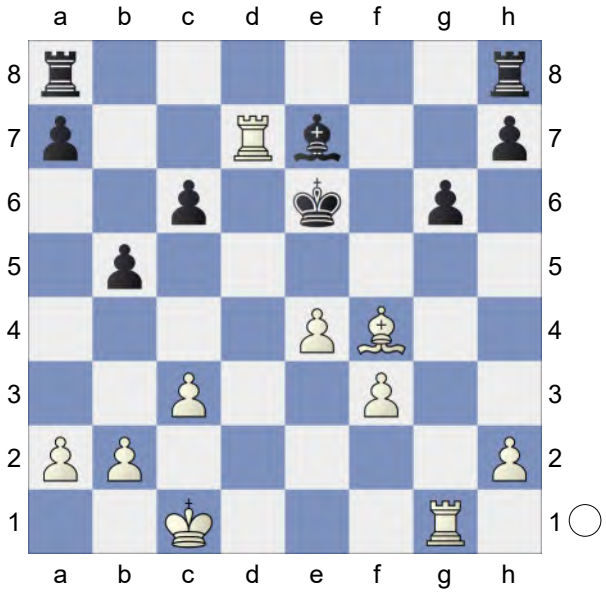
move allows the option of Kh2 instead, which is ever so slightly different. **16...Nxc4** Clearly hinting at c5. Fine by me. **17.Bxc4** really not resisting the c5 plan, which I felt was mistimed here. **17...b5**

[17...0-0 18.e5 and it's a perpetual. Not too hard, as all the moves were checks, but you do have to see it all the way in advance and one way or the other, we both obviously missed it. Nh5! was the winning move. I have to say I didn't really consider going after a pawn this way, as I thought the queen is one piece I shouldn't be improving, as it already does a great job paralyzing the f6 knight. 19.Be3! Rfd8 Wards off Rd7Black has no compensation for the pawn at all. 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Bxa7 doesn't work-]

18.Bb3 This decision and a few subsequent ones, took me a long time. I assumed that I am just better even if nothing special happens and we just trade the c-pawn for d-pawn and my pieces enjoy all the standard squares. However, it was hard to tell how much it was and at the same time the forcing option of Qb5!? now and two moves later was incredibly tempting. **18...Nd7** Logical, as the natural 18...Rfd8 would now be met with 19.Qb5! when the trade here is just losing for Black. However, the computer points out that it was not the end of the world and 18... Rfd8! 19. Qb5 Qc7! was a better attempt to keep White's advantage minimal.

[18...0-0 19.e5 Nh5 20.Be3!]

19.Bxf7+ Deflection **19...Kxf7 20.Rxd7** Bg5 is the strong threat.Another very heavy decision. Here 20.Qb5 seemed even more tempting, but again I decided to avoid simplifying, even though I believed it would give me a better endgame. **20...Ke6!**

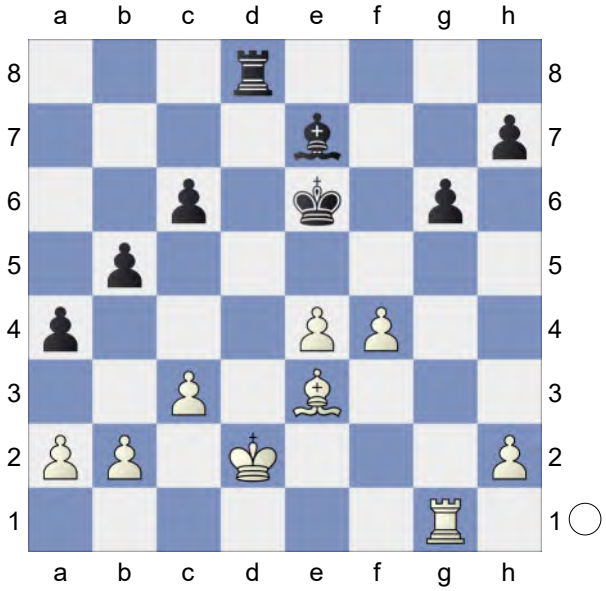


Hao stays afloat. The natural 20...Rxd8 allows 21.Qb5 and the a5 pawn may suddenly fall. **21.Rc7** White is much more active.

[21.Rgd1 feels hotter. Rhf8 22.Bg3 Rxf3 23.Rc7]

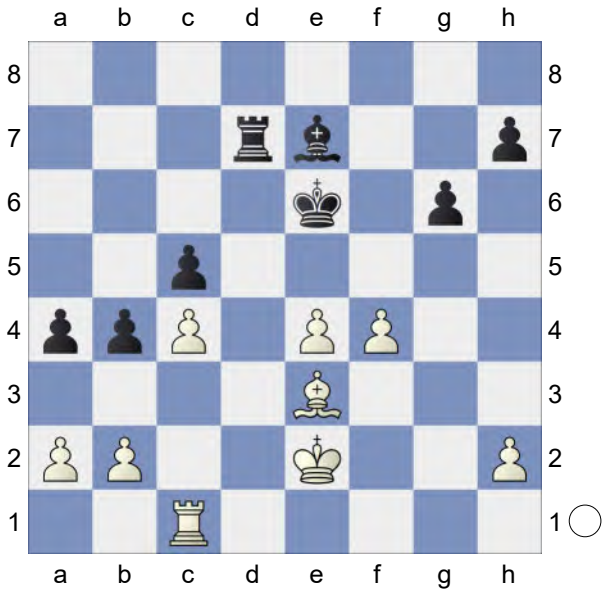
21...Rhc8!? Odd, but really not bad. The queen is okay there, and does a fine job defending the queenside pawn weaknesses. Also, right now there is an x-ray to the king on g2. **22.Rxc8** I was very proud of this move, as compared to the natural 22.Kh2, the f2 pawn is protected, which may come in handy once things get concrete, and the Black knight appears on e4 or Black queen on d2. **22...Rxc8** Endgame. KRB-KRB I have to say somewhere around here I started wondering where my advantage is and if I have any left at all. I slightly regretted not having gone for Qb5 on move 20. **23.Be3** I had high hopes for my queen here, but as Black guards the a5 and b7 pawn firmly, I didn't exactly see how to add more

pressure and gain something tangible. **23...a5 24.Kd2 a4 25.f4** The -sort of- original intention was 25.Nc4, but by now I had long realized that 25.Nc4 b6! solves Black's problems. Without much enthusiasm I decided to just continue making moves. **25...Rd8+**



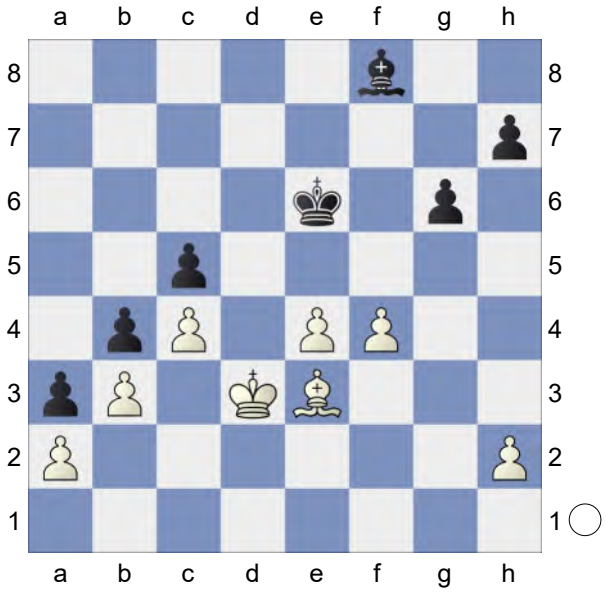
fine move. In hindsight, though, maybe 25...Rd8 would be a good option as well, stopping Qd7 altogether. I was hoping for b6, when I could offer a queen trade with Qc6 at some point and aim for a better endgame, but there is no reason for Black to do that voluntarily, without White attacking the a5 pawn. **26.Ke2!?** I didn't see if I have anything more than a move repetition, but there were some tricks, so I decided to try and send my queen in. **26...Rf8 27.Kf3!** Obviously not repeating with 27.Qe7 Nd5. Here I thought Black was still completely fine, but as Hao started to think more and more, I realized that suddenly he is under quite some pressure again. **27...Rd8??** One question mark for the strength of the move and another for the time my opponent spent making it. Black weakens the kingside tremendously and left himself with final seconds on the clock. **28.Rc1!** I actually didn't see a good move for either of us and decided to just make a waiting one, not realizing how huge my advantage has suddenly become. **28...c5** Black is running out of moves. **29.c4!** Another good one. As Ne4-xf2 is not possible, this is an excellent waiting move, not to mention some Rg1 ideas. **29...b4** The game has clearly turned heavily in my favour, not only does White has a bunch of attractive options, but also Hao was playing on the increment here and was barely in time to complete his moves. Still, he was completing them and to win the game, I had to pose him some real question. **30.Ke2** I decided to setup a nasty pin. **30...Rd7** 1.39/21

[Better is 30...h6 0.86/23]



31.Rd1! Rxd1 My original intention here was some Nf3-Ng5 rerouting, trying to use the pin, but then I spotted the idea of 32.b4 followed by a very elegant rook lift and didn't hesitate for a second. Objectively, though, it was a big mistake,

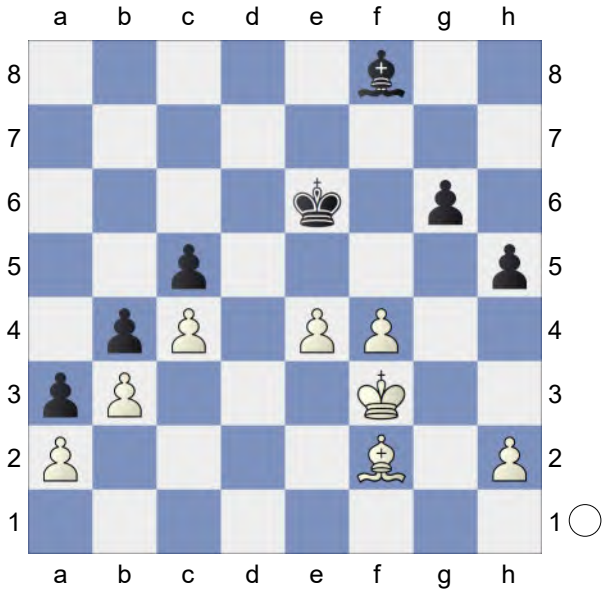
as it allows Black a miraculous escape, that he fortunately was unable to find on seconds. **32.Kxd1** KB-KB **32...Bf8** **33.Kc2** **Be7?** Typical, actually. Dropping to the very final seconds and not seeing a defense, Black decided to postpone a decision for one more move. **34.b3** Still, a defense has to be calculated. **34...a3** Hao must have missed the resource after 34...Qd6 35.Rxb7, because this is just losing. **35.Kd3** **Bf8**



36.Bf2 **Be7** **37.Ke3!** It's an interesting question whether the position after 37. Rxf7 is a fortress and since most likely it's not, how easy it is to win it. Not a relevant question though, as White has a few more straightforward wins. 37.e4 looked great as well. **37...Bd8** There was no defense. I was mainly hoping for 37...Rb8 38.Qc2! winning on the spot, due to two threats- Rxf7 and also Qxg6!. This move loses as well. **38.Kf3** Black can't even give up an exchange here, as after 38... Rxe5 39. fxe5 he will lose more material with Ra8 incoming. **38...Be7** **39.Kg4** An important victory. **39...h5+!** here White would have to take with the queen on b3. **40.Kf3!** 2.08/30

[⌓40.Kh3 1.66/32]

40...Bf8+-



41.Bh4! 1.31/30 and White keeps a large advantage, but the game goes on.

[41.Kg2!+- 1.86/29]

41...Bd6 0.92/26

[41...Bg7 0.91/27 41...Bh6 2.34 I don't know if Hao saw this far, but even if he did, he had to see further- 42.e5! 2.48/31 *(42.Bg5± 0.91/27)* 42...Kf5? 6.89/28 *(42...Kd7 2.48/31 43.Bf6 Bh6)* 43.Be7!!]

[⌓41...Kd6 1.31/30 42.e5+ Ke6]

42.e5! 0.01/28 I might have missed this one and the fact that the rook can't return in time.

[42.Bg3± 0.92/26 aiming for f5+! Bf8 43.Bf2]

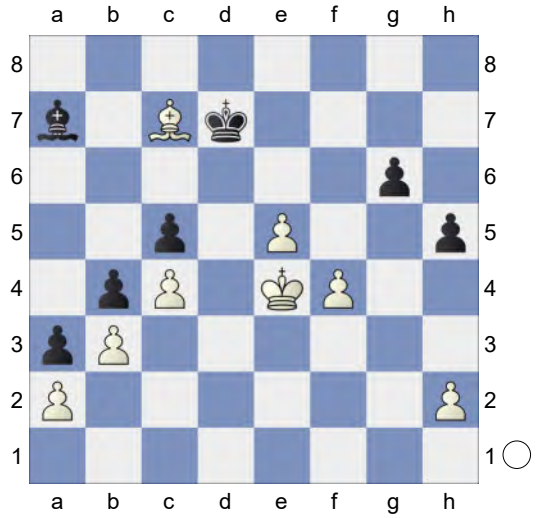
42...Bc7? 11.53/31

[42...Bf8= 0.01/28 43.Bf6 *(43.Ke4 Bg7+-)* 43...Kd7]

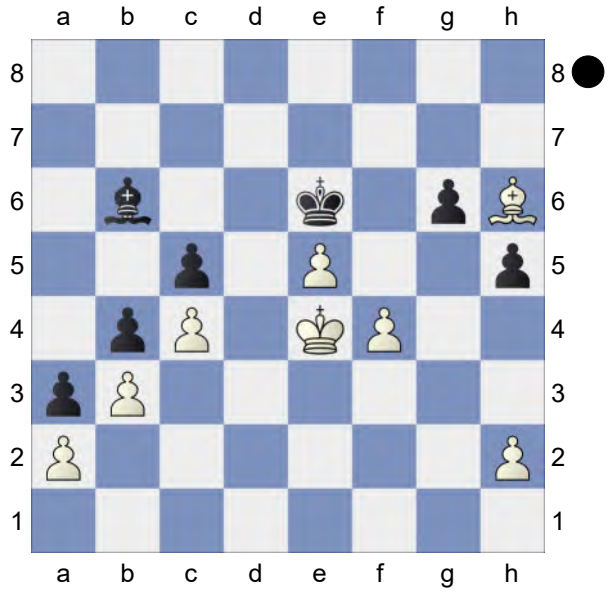
43.Ke4 White is clearly winning. **43...Ba5** **44.Bg5** **Bb6** **45.Bh6!** forcing the king to the g-file, blocking Rxg6-Rg1 return.

[45.Bh6 Ba7 and Black queens and holds. 46.Bf8 no longer works here.

Bb6! and Rxb7 next. 47.Bd6! Obviously I saw the ideas of Black trying to setup some counterattack, but I was convinced they weren't working. Wrongly so, as Black has a beautiful draw here down the mainline. Ba7 This was obviously the plan. 48.Bc7 Kd7



49.Ba5! Setting up a couple of checks ... Ke6 50.h3]



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68 **B12**
□ **Deacbogdan1** **2864**
■ **Datajunkie** **2648**
Blitz 17.05.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 c5
[4...Bb4 5.Bf4 *(5.Bd2 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4* _-_ 6. ♗d2 c5_54370 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)*)* 5...Nf6 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 0-0 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.g4 c5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 ½-½ Mcshane,L (2615)-Dreev,A (2695) 18th North Sea Cup 2003 (9)]
5.exd5N
[5.Be3 cxd4 6.Bxd4 Nc6 7.exd5 exd5 8.Bb5 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Nge2 Nf6 11.a3 Bd6 12.b4 0-0 13.Bc5 Re8 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.0-0 Re3 16.Qd4 Qe5 17.Qxe5 Rxe5 18.Rae1 Bd7 19.Nd4 Rae8 0-1 (68) Vlasak,R-Hilliard,M (1466) San Francisco TNM Summer op 2011 (3) 20.Rxe5 Rxe5 21.Nce2 Ne8 22.c3 Nd6 23.f4 Re3 24.h3 Nb5 25.Nxb5 axb5 26.Re1 Bf5 27.Kf2 Re7 28.Nd4 Rxe1 29.Kxe1 Bd7 30.Kf2 f5 31.Kf3 Kf7 32.g4 g6 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.Kg3 Kg6 0-1 (68) 8.d5 ♘d4 9.♘d4 ed4-Oorzhak,A (1466) 106/131 Sofia 2009 (3)]
5...exd5

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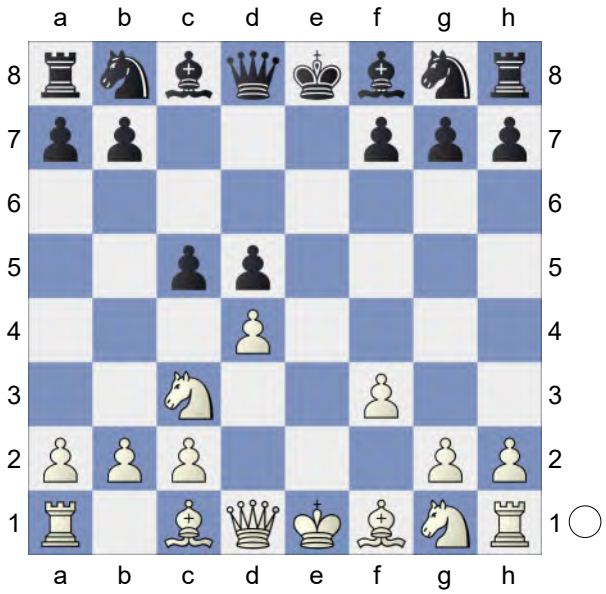
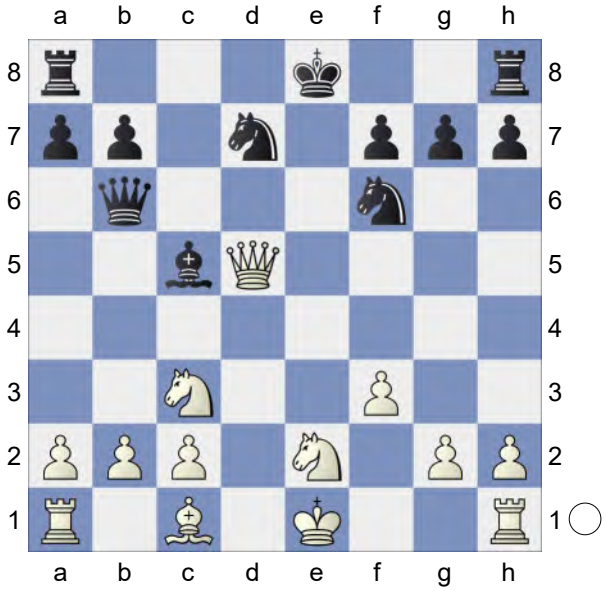
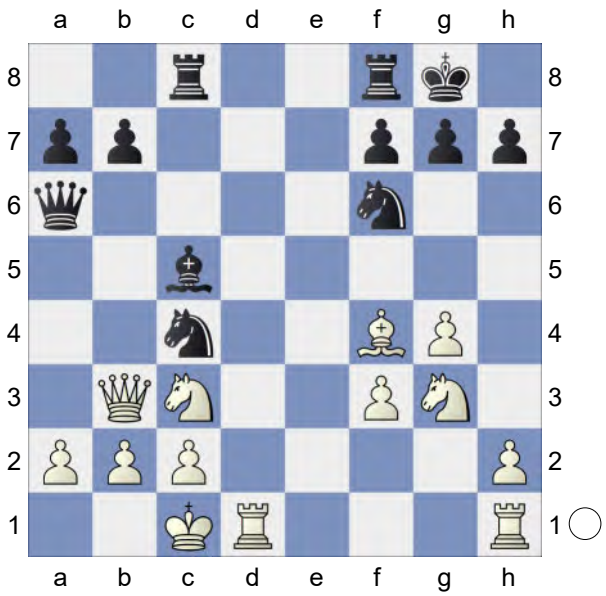


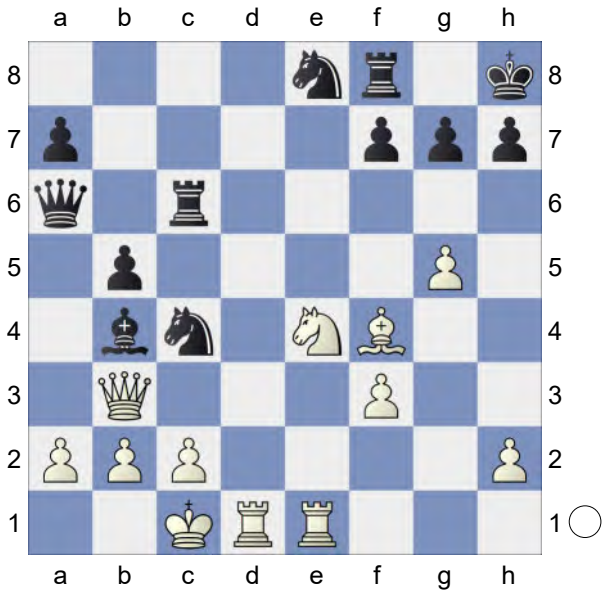
6.dxc5! Active counter play! **6...Bxc5**
7.Qxd5 Qb6 8.Bb5+ White is better.
8...Bd7 Strongly threatening ...Ne7!
9.Bxd7+
[9.Ne4 feels hotter. Be7 10.Bc4 Be6 11.Qb5+]
9...Nxd7 10.Nge2 Ngf6



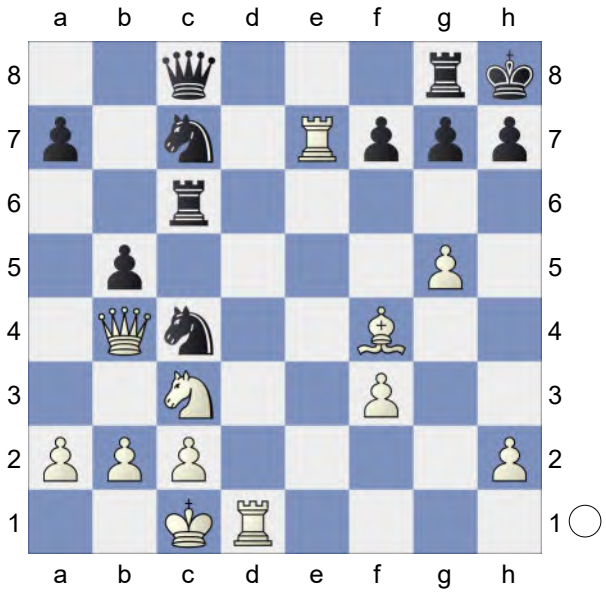
Against Qe4+ **11.Qb3 Qa6** 0.89/18
[11...Bf2+= 0.27/18 12.Kf1 Bc5]
12.Bf4± 0-0 13.0-0-0 Rac8 14.g4 Nb6 15.Ng3 Nc4 1.58/20
[Black should try 15...Rfe8 0.93/18]



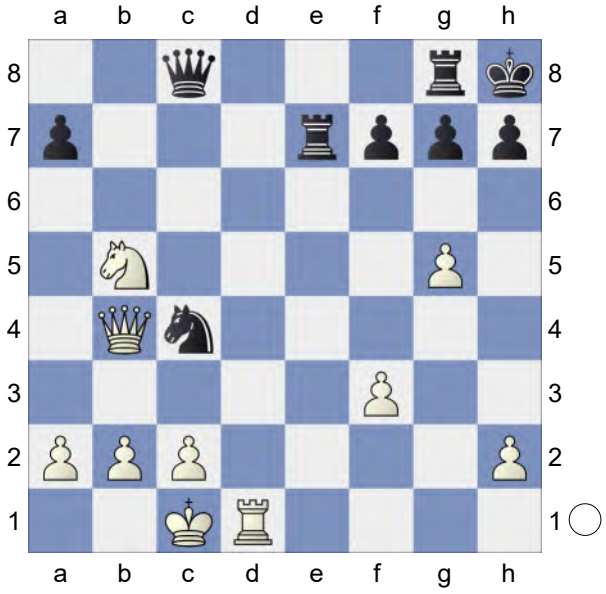
16.g5 Ne8 17.Nd5 Rc6 2.23/20
[⌓17...Nb6 1.80/18 18.h4 Nxd5 19.Rxd5 *(19.Qxd5 Qa4±)* 19...Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6]
18.Rhe1+- Kh8 2.20/20
[18...Nb6 1.71/17 was called for. 19.Nf5 Re6]
19.Ne4 b5 3.01/22
[⌓19...Ned6 2.08/20 20.Ne7 Rc7]
20.Nb4 Bxb4



21.Qxb4 Rg8 Black is weak on the dark squares **22.Nc3 Qc8** 3.21/21
[22...Nc7 1.80/19 was worth a try. 23.Bxc7 Rxc7]
23.Re7 1.59/20
[23.Qxb5 a6 24.Qb3 *(24.Qb8 Qxb8 25.Bxb8 Nxb2+-)* 24...Nc7±]
[23.Nxb5+- 3.21/21 is more deadly. a5 24.Qb3]
23...Nc7



24.Bxc7 Rxc7 25.Nxb5 1.12/19
[Better is 25.Nd5+- 1.69/21 Rc5 26.Rxa7 *(26.Rxf7 a5=)*]
25...Rxe7±



26.Qxe7 Black must now prevent b3!
26...Qb8 27.Qc5 0.01/21

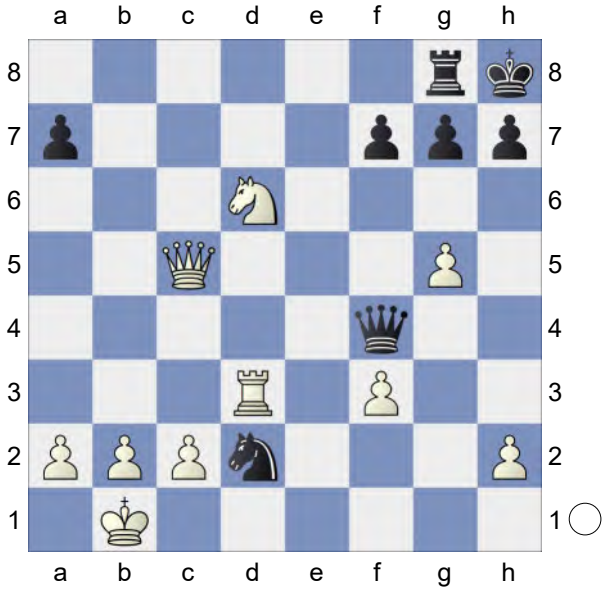
[27.Nxa7? Qxb2#]
[27.b3± 1.42/21 Qxb5 28.Rd8 Back Rank (*28.bxc4 Qxc4 29.Rd8 Qf1+ 30.Kd2 Qf2+ 31.Kc3 Qxf3+ 32.Kb2 h6±)*]

27...Qf4+ 0.99/21
[27...Rc8= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. 28.Qe7 *(28.Qxa7? Qxb5 29.Qd4 Qxg5+ 30.f4 Qa5-+)* 28...Re8]

28.Kb1 Hoping for b3. **28...Ne3?** 3.44/20
[28...Nd2+± 1.14/19 was necessary. 29.Ka1 Nxf3]

29.Rd3+- Nf1 30.Nd6
[30.Nxa7 Nd2+ 31.Ka1 Nc4±]

30...Nd2+? 8.63/21
[30...Rf8 3.69/22 31.Ne4 *(31.Qxa7 Nd2+ 32.Ka1 Nc4=)* 31...Kg8 32.Qxa7 Nxh2]



31.Rxd2!

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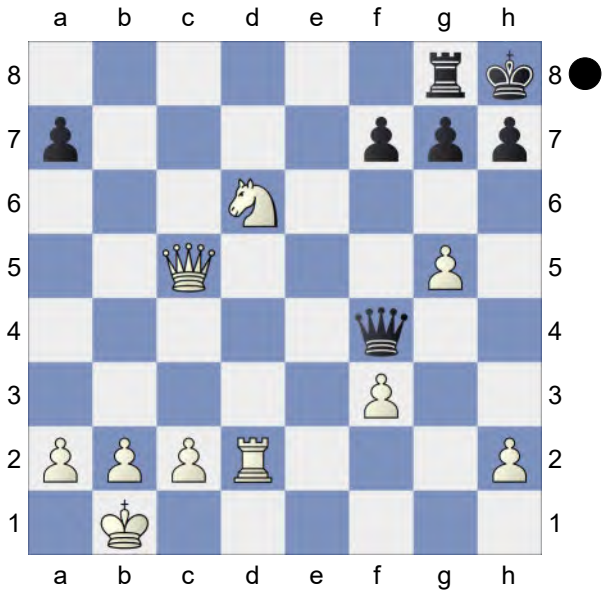

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69 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2871**
■ **Sillymaster** **2732**
Blitz 26.02.2021
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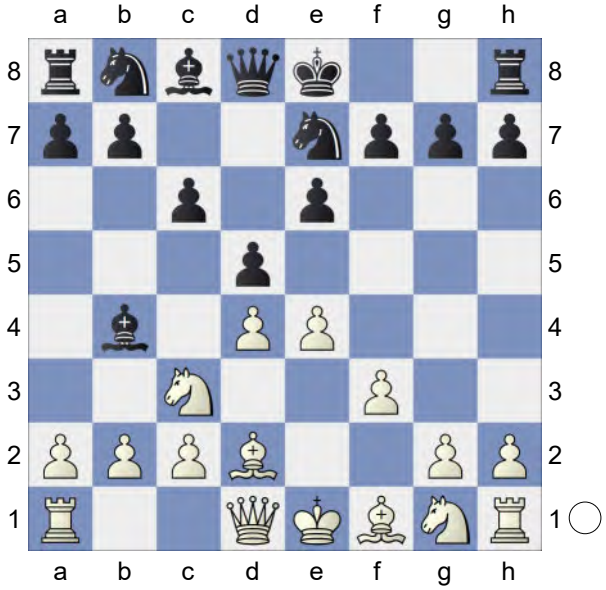
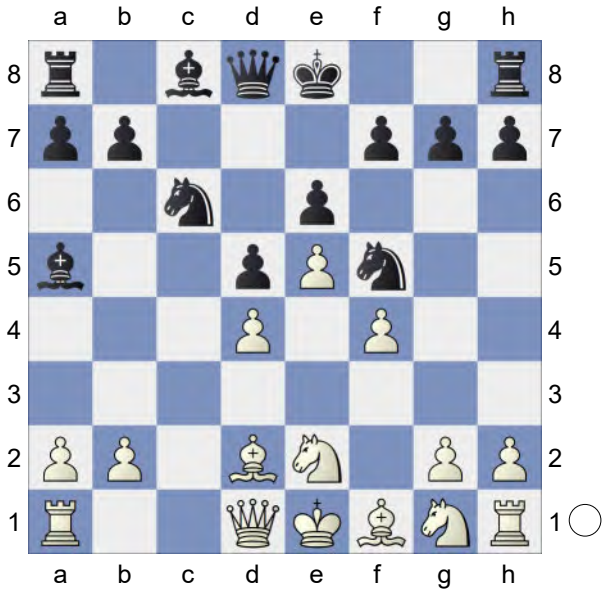
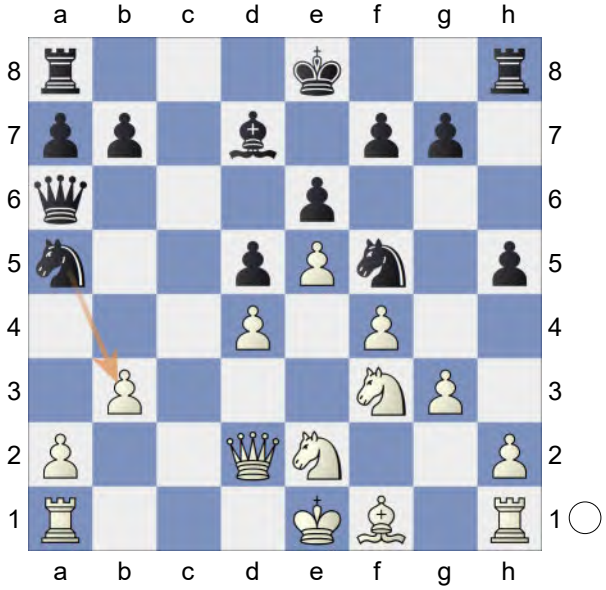


6.Nce2N
[6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3 b5 *(7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 9.Nf3 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nf5 12.0-0-0 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.c3 h5 15.Ne5 Qh6 16.g3 f6 17.Nf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 Rac8 19.b4 Bc7 20.Rhg1 b6 21.h3 c5 22.Kb2* - - (34) 1.f4 e5 2.fe5/ 4. ♘f3 g5 5.g (2577)-3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 ♕b6 5. ♘c3 (2550) B1) 5...fxe6*; 7...Bb6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.Na4 dxe4 10.fxe4 Bxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Bb4 Re8 13.Qf3* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML: *)* 8.e5 Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nce2 Bb6 11.f4 a5 12.Nf3 Solak,D (2547)-Bologan,V (2668) Sarajevo 2010]
6...c5 7.c3 Ba5 8.e5 The position is equal. **8...cxd4 9.cxd4** -0.26/17
[9.Nxd4 0.11/20 should be considered. Nbc6 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.f4]
9...Nbc6= 10.f4 Nf5

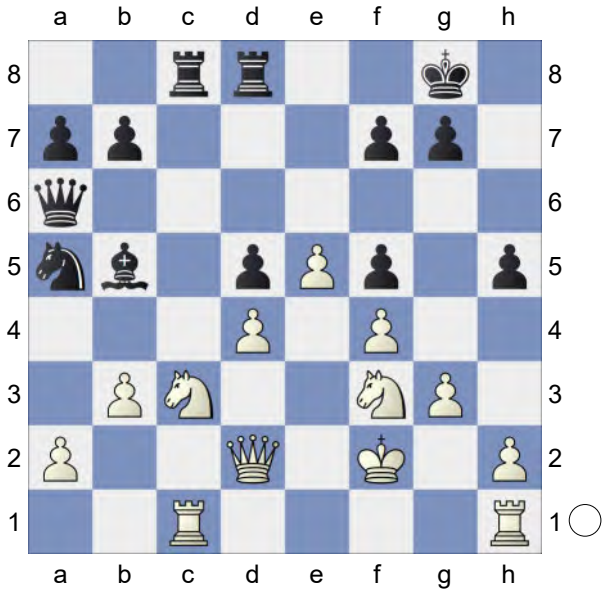


11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Bxa5 Nxa5
[12...Qxa5+ feels hotter. 13.Kf2 Bd7 14.g4 Nfe7]
13.b3 Bd7 14.Qd2 h5 15.g3 Qa6

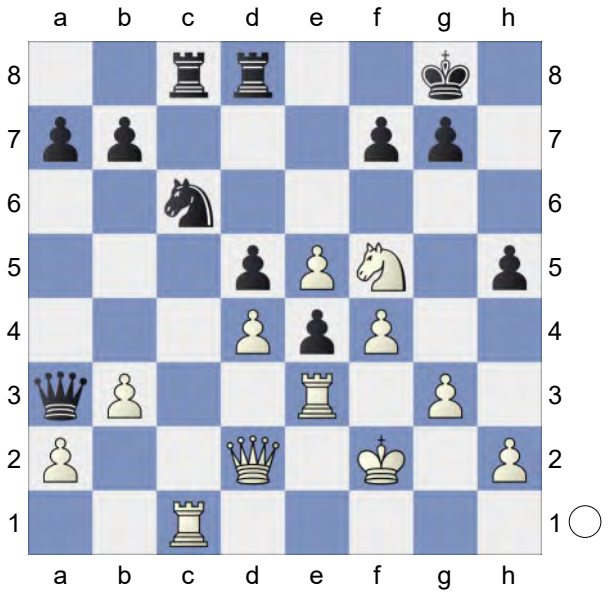


aiming for ...Nxb3! **16.Rc1 0-0** 0.72/17
[16...Nc6± 0.33/19 feels stronger.]
17.Bh3 0.35/18
[17.h3± 0.72/17]

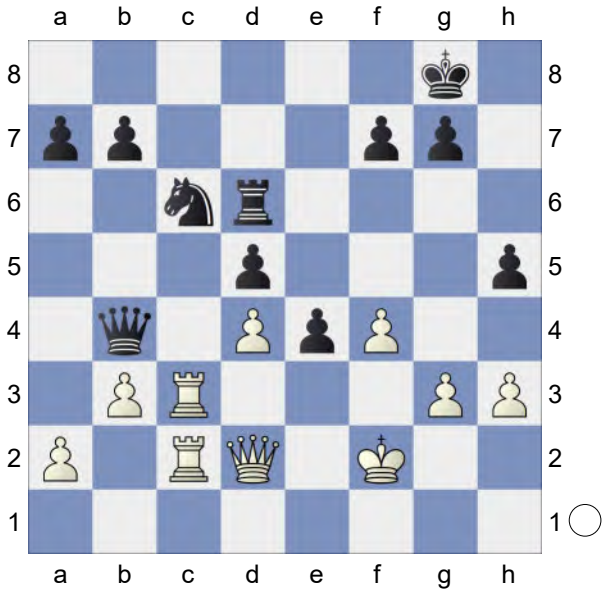
17...Bb5 0.78/18
[17...Rac8± 0.35/18]
18.Kf2 Rac8 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Nc3 Rfd8



21.Rhe1 0.24/20
[White should play 21.Rhd1± 0.77/17]
21...Bd3 22.Nh4 Nc6! 23.Re3 Be4 24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.Nf5 Qa3 0.73/19
[25...g6!= -0.17/20 remains equal. 26.Nd6 Rxd6 27.exd6 Rd8]

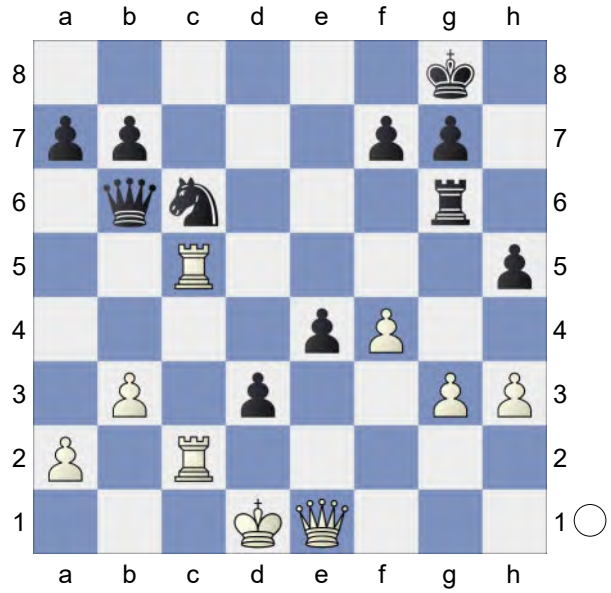


26.Rec3 0.25/18 White is more active.
[26.Rc5± 0.73/19]
26...Rc7 27.Nd6 -0.74/19
[27.Rc5± 0.51/19 keeps the upper hand.]
27...Rcd7? 1.15/20
[27...Rxd6∓ -0.74/19 28.exd6 Qxd6]
28.h3? -0.88/20
[28.Nxb7!± 1.15/20 and life is bright. Nxe5 29.Nxd8 Ng4+ 30.Kg1 Rxd8 31.Rc5]
28...Rxd6∓ 29.exd6 Rxd6 -0.46/19
[29...Qxd6∓ -0.95/20 30.Kg2 Qf6]
30.R1c2 -0.90/19 White is weak on the light squares
[30.Rc5∓ -0.46/19 was preferrable.]
30...Qb4 -0.48/17
[30...Kh7∓ -0.90/19 31.Rc1 Rf6]

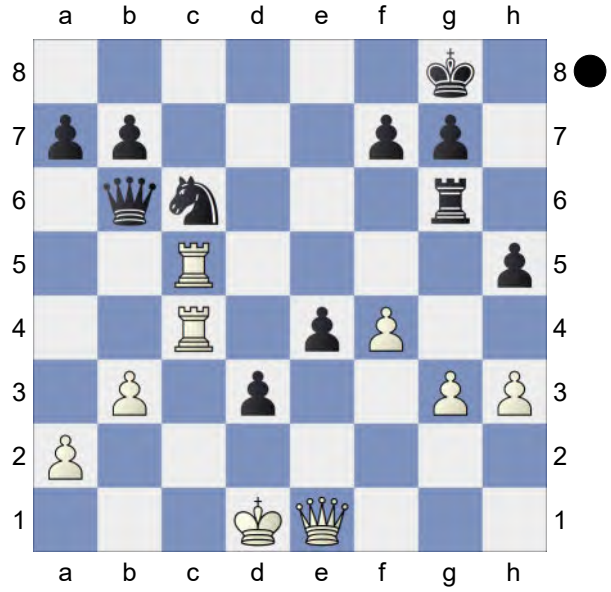


31.Ke3 -1.33/20
[Better is 31.Rc5∓ -0.48/17 Qb6 32.Kg2]
31...Rg6 32.Qe1? -4.30/21
[32.Kf2∓ -1.21/22 is tougher.]
32...Qxd4+-+
[32...Nxd4? 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.Qxb4+-]
33.Ke2 Qb6 -1.98/19
[⌓33...Nb4 -4.08/19 34.Rc8+ Kh7]
34.Kd1 -3.00/19

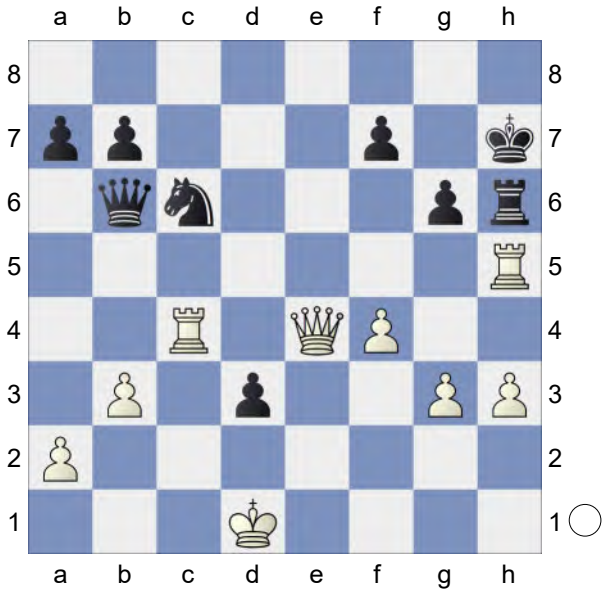
[⌓34.Kf1 -1.98/19]
34...d4 35.Rc5 d3 -1.87/21
[⌓35...e3 -3.15/19 36.Rd5 Qa6]



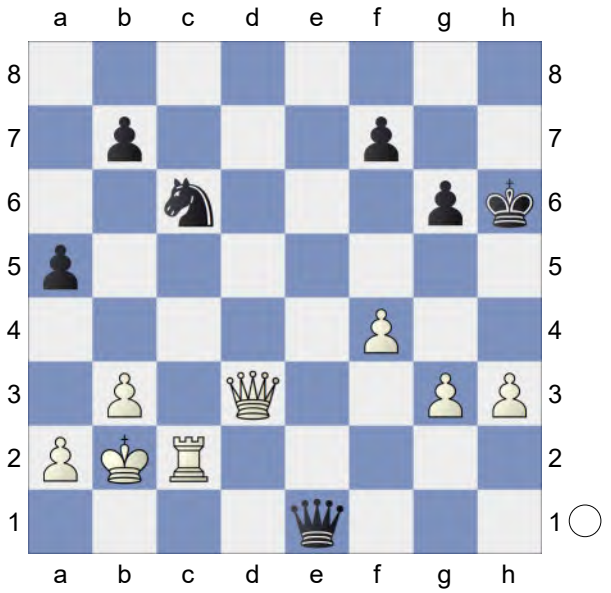
36.R2c4



Nd4?? 3.81/21 **37.Qxe4+- Nc6 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Rxh5+ Rh6 40.Qe4+** 2.46/21
[40.Qxf7 Qg1+ 41.Kd2 Qf2+ *(41...Qxg3 42.Qf5+ Qg6 43.Rxh6+* Remove Defender *Kxh6 44.Qxg6+ Kxg6 45.Kxd3+-)* 42.Kxd3 Qf3+ *(42...Qxa2? 43.Qf5+ Kg8 44.Qd5+ Kf8 45.Rxh6+-)* 43.Kc2 Rxh5-+ *(43...Qxh5? 44.Qxh5* Remove Defender *Rxh5 45.h4-+)*]
[⌓40.Rcc5 4.16/22 Qc7 41.Rcg5]
40...g6



41.Rxh6+ Kxh6 42.Qxd3 KQR-KQN
42...Qg1+ 43.Kc2 a5 44.Kb2 Qf2+ 45.Rc2 Qe1



46.Qc3 Qe4 #1/6
[46...Qe8+- 4.84/22 47.Qf6 Kh7]
47.Qh8#

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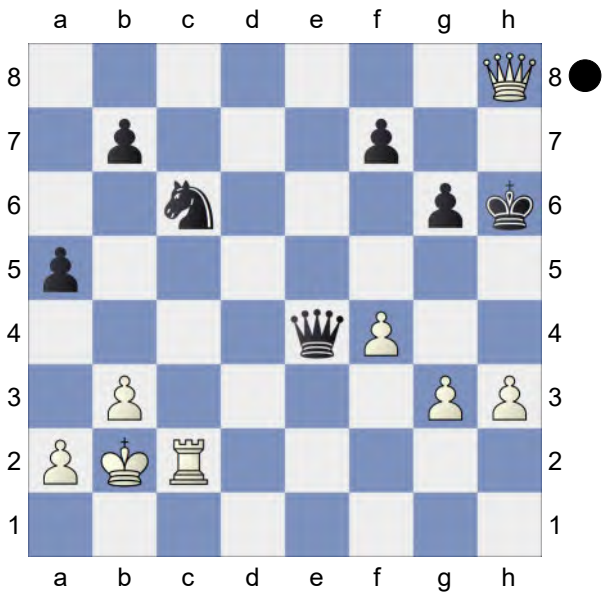

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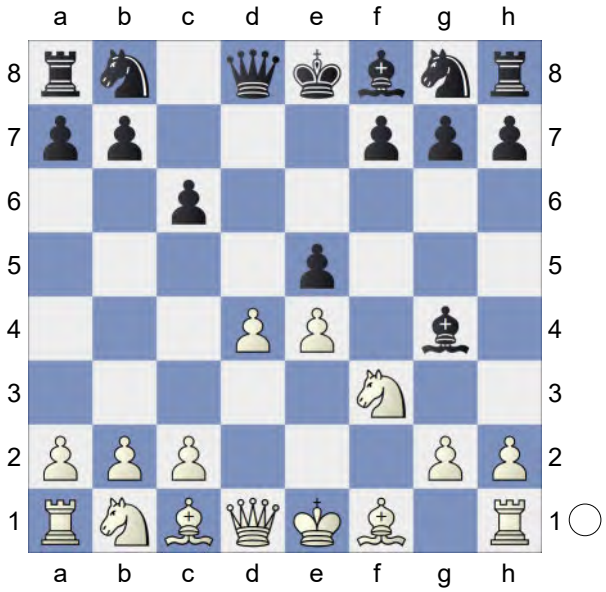
70 **B12**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2767**
■ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2698**
E Candidates 2020 (12.3) 24.04.2021
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.c3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qc7 0.54/19
[7...Bh5= 0.14/17]
8.dxe5± White is slightly better. **8...Bxf3** Remove Defender **9.Qxf3 Qxe5**

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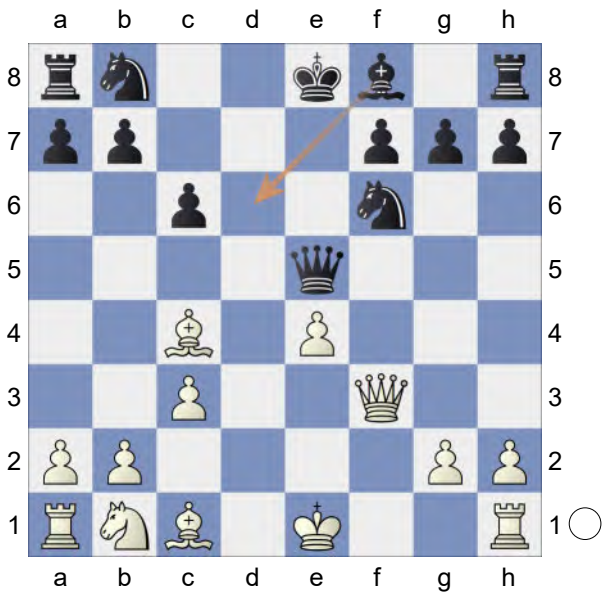
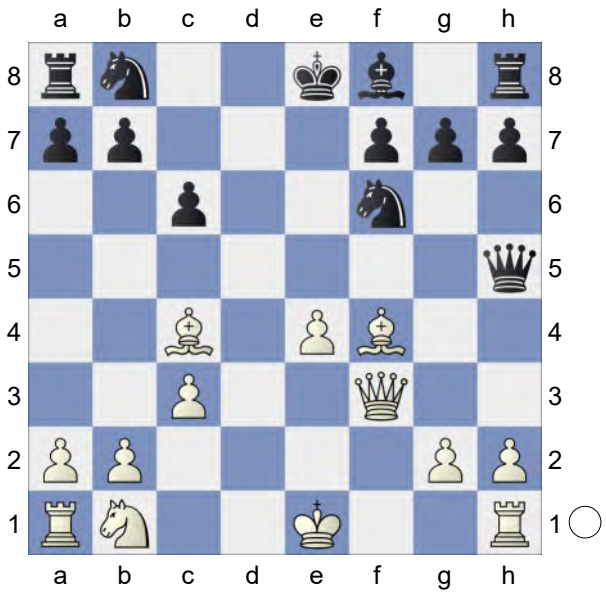


10.Bf4! Qh5
[Of course not 10...Qxe4+ 11.Qxe4+ Nxe4 12.Nd2]



11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 Nb6 13.Bb3 Be7 14.Rhg1 Qxf3 15.gxf3 g6

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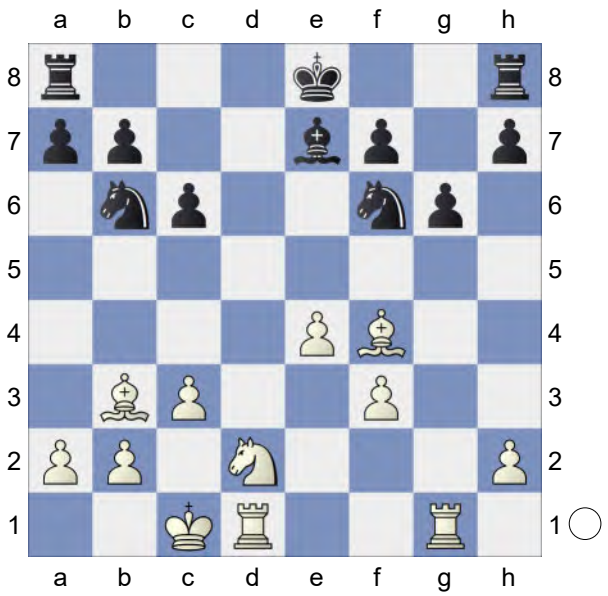
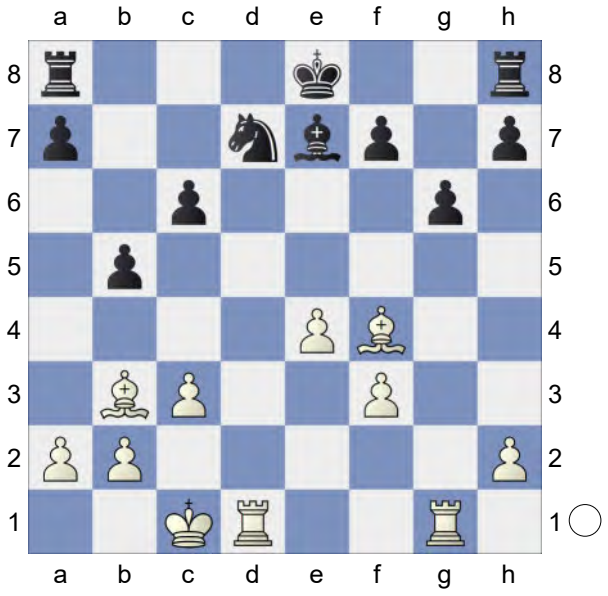


16.Nc4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 b5 18.Bb3 Nd7



19.Bxf7+! Deflection **19...Kxf7 20.Rxd7 Ke6**

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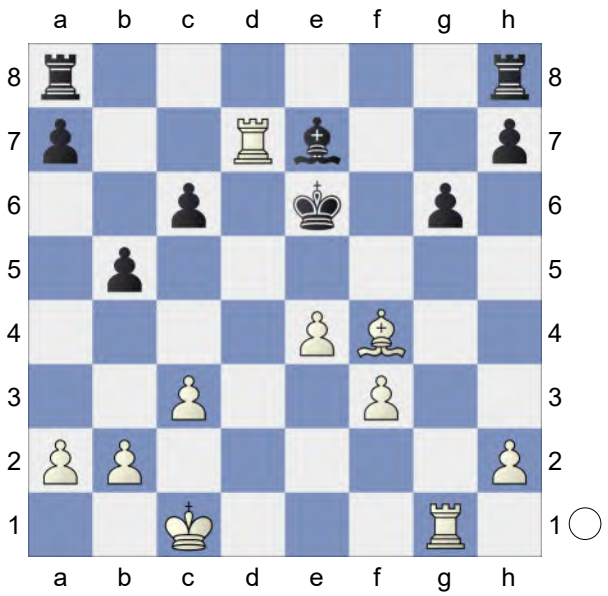
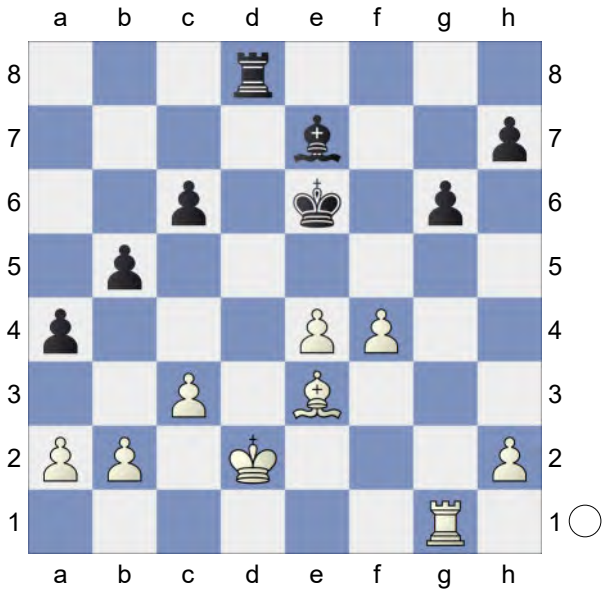


21.Rc7 White has more active pieces.
[21.Rgd1 is more complex. Rhf8 22.Bg3 Rxf3 23.Rc7]
21...Rhc8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8± Endgame. KRB-KRB **23.Be3 a5 24.Kd2 a4 25.f4 Rd8+**



26.Ke2 Rf8 27.Kf3 Rd8 28.Rc1 c5 29.c4 b4 30.Ke2 Rd7

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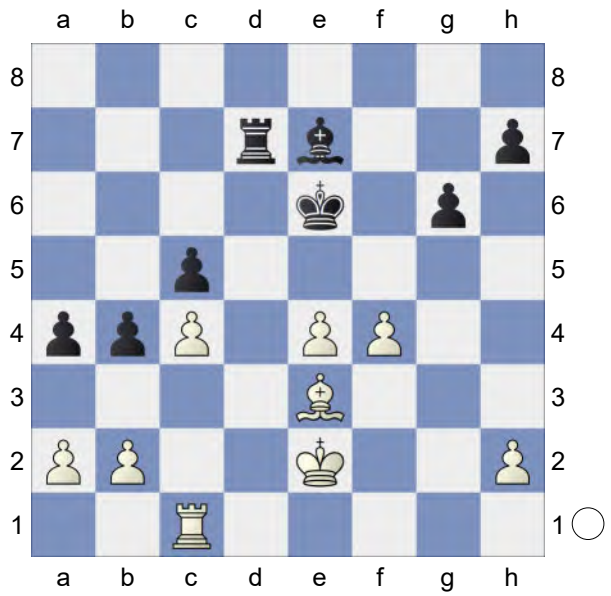
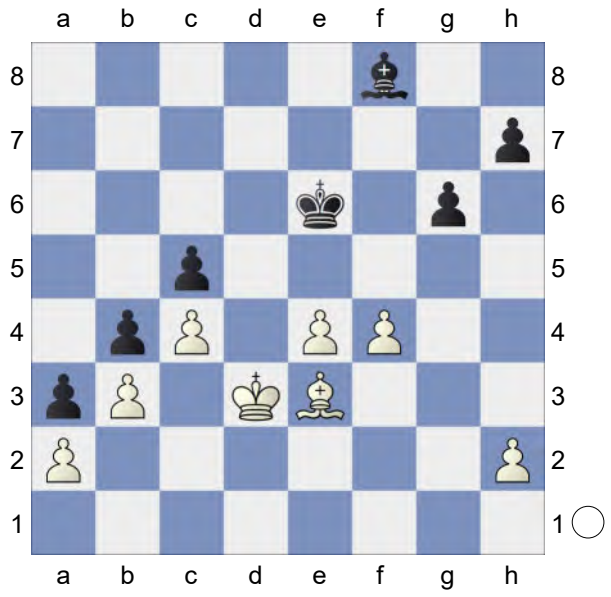


31.Rd1 Rxd1 32.Kxd1 KB-KB **32...Bf8 33.Kc2 Be7** 1.52/29
[⌓33...h6 1.16/29 34.h3 Be7]
34.b3 a3 35.Kd3 Bf8



36.Bf2 Be7 37.Ke3 Bd8 38.Kf3 Be7 39.Kg4 h5+ 40.Kf3 Bf8

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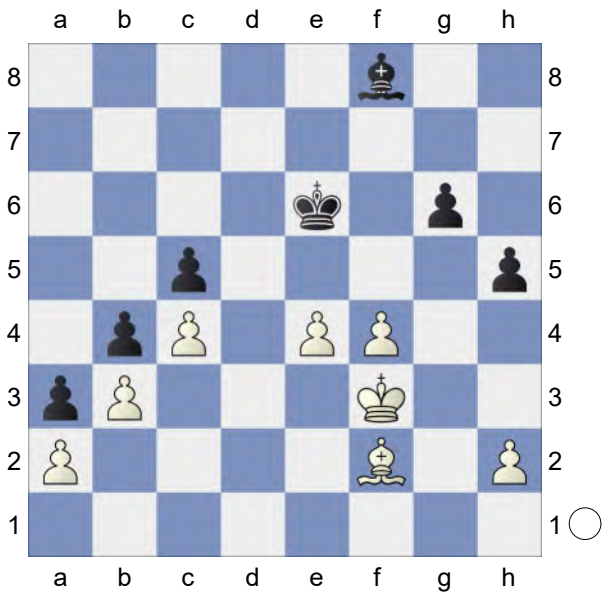
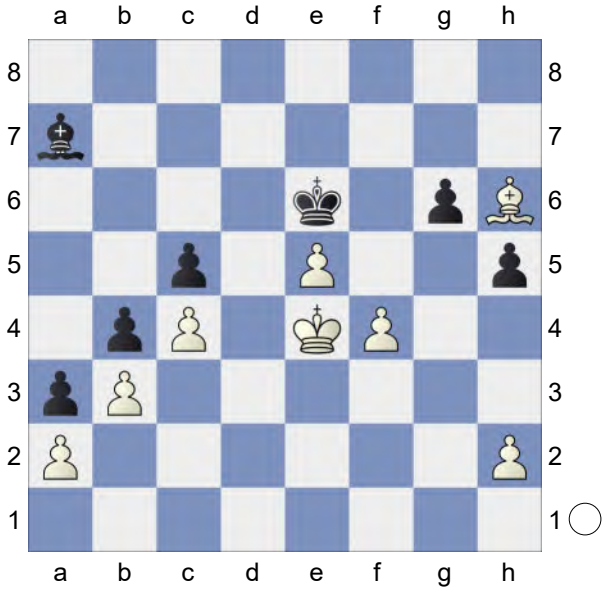


41.Bh4 Bd6 42.e5 Bc7 9.21/28
This costs Black the game.
[42...Bf8± 0.73/32]
43.Ke4+- White is clearly winning.
43...Ba5 44.Bg5 Bb6 45.Bh6 Ba7



46.Bf8 Bb6 47.Bd6 Ba7 48.Bc7 Kd7 49.Ba5 Ke6 50.h4N
[50.h3]

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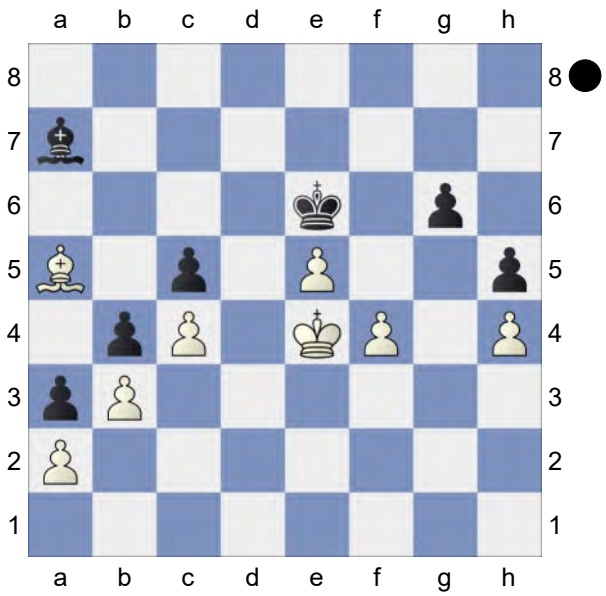

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71 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2859**
■ **Elda64** **2730**
Blitz 26.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Chess Informant **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 b5**
[4...Bb4 5.Bf4 Ne7 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 a5 8.0-0-0 Ba6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.h4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.Bd6 Rc8 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nf4 Sethuraman,S (2732)-15. ♘c4 0-0 16. ♕e5 ♖ab8 (2663) USA 6/586 1968]
5.Bd3N
[5.a3
A) 5...b4 6.axb4 Bxb4 7.Bd2 *(7.Ra4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 dxe4 9.Qe2 exf3 10.Nxf3 Nd7 11.Qf2 Ngf6 12.Qg3 0-0 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Bg5 c5 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Qh4 h6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxh6 Be4 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Ng5 Ndf6 21.Rb4* 1-0 Elbilia Jacques-5.♘ge2 ♘c6 6. ♗e3 ed4 Deutschland 99/ (361) 2006*)* 7...c5 8.Na4 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 dxe4 10.dxc5 Qxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Bb7 12.b4 Vallejo Pons,F (2697)-Malisauskas,V (2510) Plovdiv 2010;
B) 5...a5 6.Bf4 Ne7 Dubinsky,R (2305)-Vasiukov,E (2510) Moscow (rapid) 71/(118) 1997]
5...Nf6

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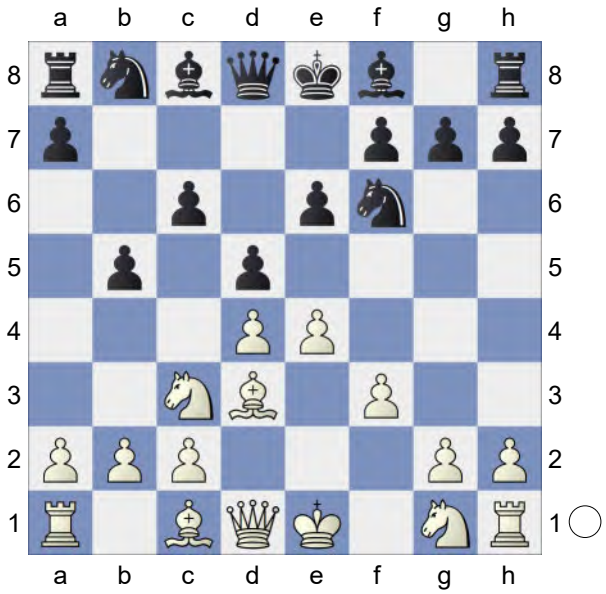
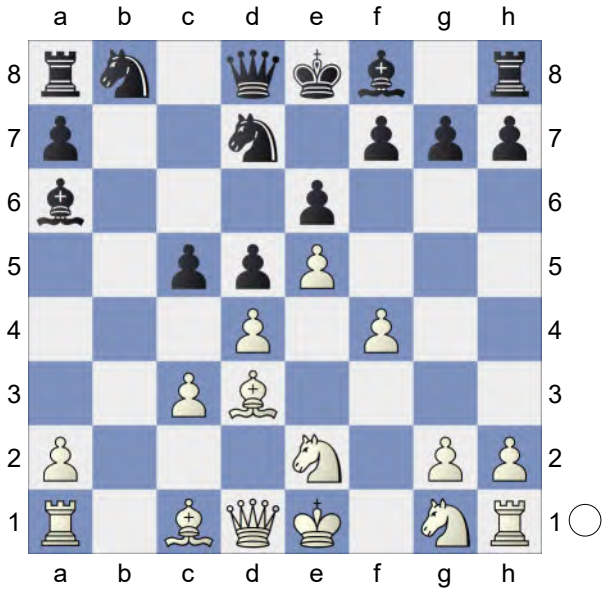


6.e5 Nfd7 7.f4 b4 8.Nce2
The position is equal. **8...c5 9.c3 bxc3 10.bxc3 Ba6**



11.Nf3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nc6 0.59/17
[12...cxd4= 0.23/17 13.cxd4 Bb4+ 14.Kf2 Nc6]
13.0-0± cxd4 14.cxd4 g6 15.Bd2 Rc8

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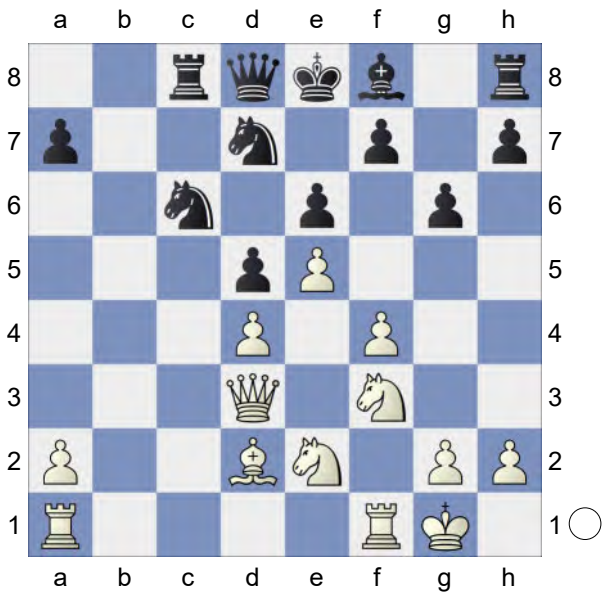
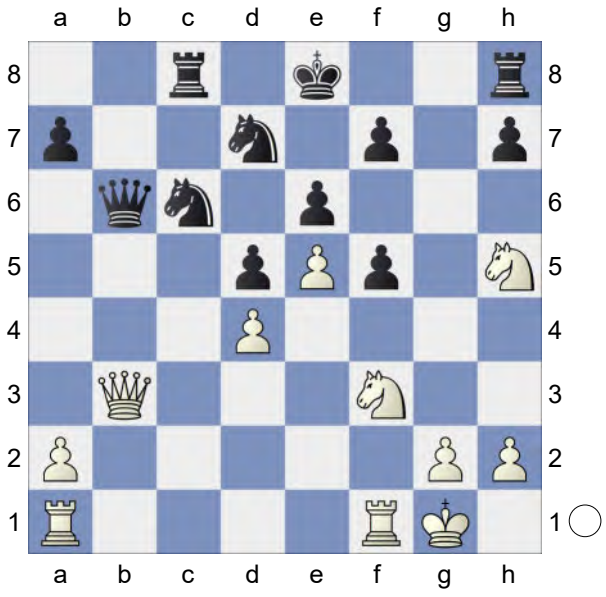
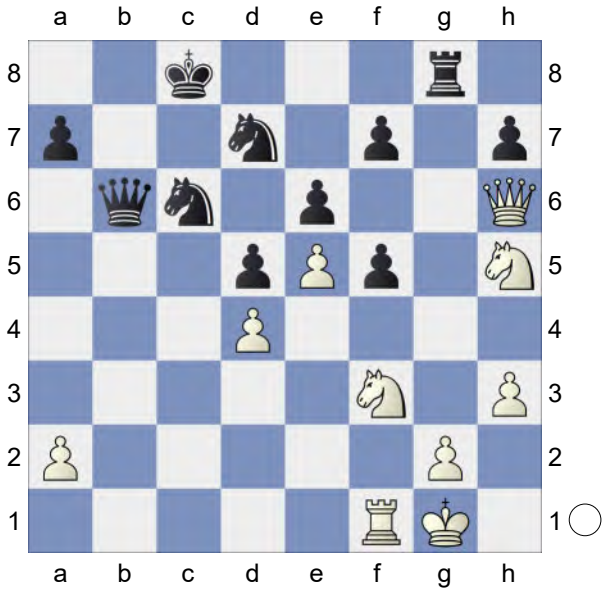


16.f5 0.23/19 **gxf5= 17.Nf4 Bb4** 0.65/19
[17...h5= 0.17/17]
18.Bxb4
[18.Nh5 feels hotter. Rg8 19.Bxb4 Nxb4 20.Qb5]
18...Nxb4 19.Qb3 Nc6 20.Nh5 White has compensation. **20...Qb6**



21.Qe3 Rg8 1.10/19 Dodges Ng7+
[21...a6!± 0.32/16]
22.Rac1 0.70/18
[22.Rab1± 1.10/19 Qd8 23.Rfc1]
22...Kd8 23.h3 Ne7 1.08/19
[⌓23...Rc7 0.71/17]
24.Rxc8+ 0.67/19
[24.Rb1± 1.08/19 Qa6 25.Rf2 *(25.Ng5 Rc2±)*]
24...Kxc8± 25.Qh6 -0.01/22
[25.Rf2± 0.76/18]
25...Nc6 0.81/21
[25...Nxe5= -0.01/22 26.Nxe5 Qxd4+ 27.Kh1 Qxe5]



26.Qxh7± Rf8 27.Rd1 Ncxe5 1.35/21
[27...Ndxe5± 0.62/23 28.Nxe5 Nxe5]
28.Nxe5 Nxe5 29.Nf6 Nd7 0.89/23
[29...Nd3= -0.01/20 30.Qg7 *(30.Qh4 Rd8∓)* 30...Qxd4+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+ 32.Kg1 Qd4+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Qd4+]
30.Qg7 White is more active. **30...Qb4**

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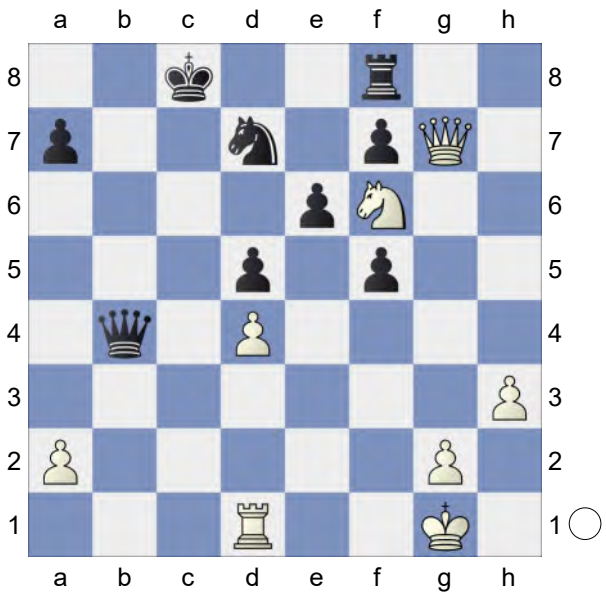
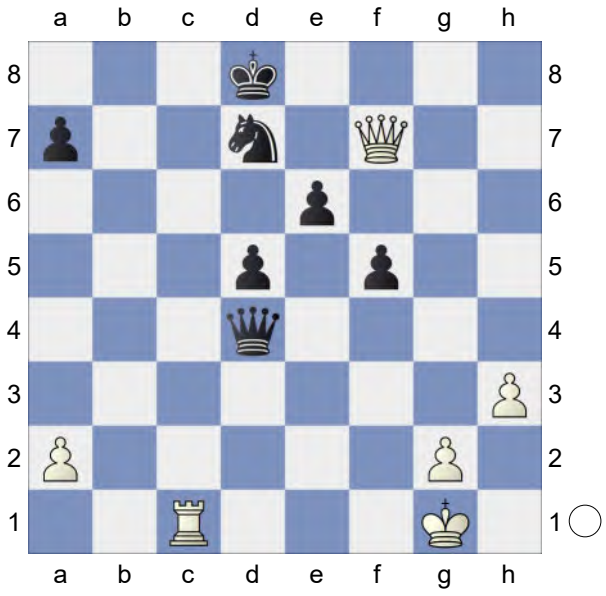
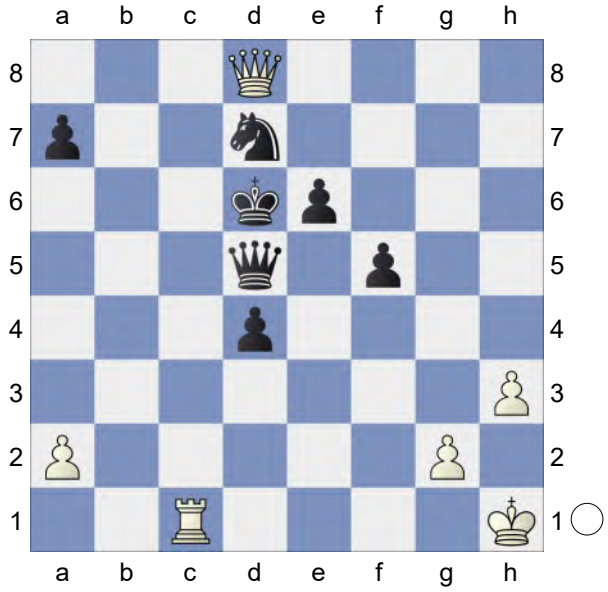


31.Rc1+ Kd8 32.Nh7 Re8 33.Ng5 Rf8 1.34/19
[33...Qf8!= 0.26/22 remains equal. 34.Qxf7 *(34.Nxf7+ Ke7=)* 34...Qxf7 35.Nxf7+ Ke7]
34.Nxf7+ Rxf7 35.Qxf7 Qxd4+



Endgame. KQR-KQN **36.Kh1 Qe5** 1.80/21
[36...Qe3± 1.12/21 might work better. 37.Qg8+ Ke7 38.Qg7+ Kd6]
37.Qg8++- Ke7 38.Qh7+ Kd6 39.Qh4 d4 40.Qd8 0.01/20
[40.Re1± 1.46/19 Qd5 41.Qf4+ e5 42.Qxf5]
40...Qd5 1.19/19
[40...d3= 0.01/20 keeps the balance. 41.Qc7+ Ke7 42.Qxe5 *(42.Qxa7 d2=)* 42...Nxe5]



41.Qc7+ Ke7 42.Rd1 0.48/19
[White should play 42.Qxa7± 0.95/19 Hoping for a4. d3 43.Rd1]
42...e5± 43.h4 e4 ...e3 would now be deadly. **44.h5** -0.54/18
[Better is 44.Qf4= -0.01/18 d3 45.Rc1]
44...e3 45.h6 Black must now prevent h7.
[45.Qxa7? e2 46.Re1 d3-+]
45...e2 0.01/20
[45...f4!∓ -0.61/20 46.Qc2 *(46.Qxa7? Qh5+ 47.Kg1 Qxd1+-+)* 46...f3 47.gxf3 Qxf3+ 48.Kh2 Qh5+ *(48...Qf4+? 49.Kg2-+)* 49.Kg1 Qg4+ 50.Kh2 e2]

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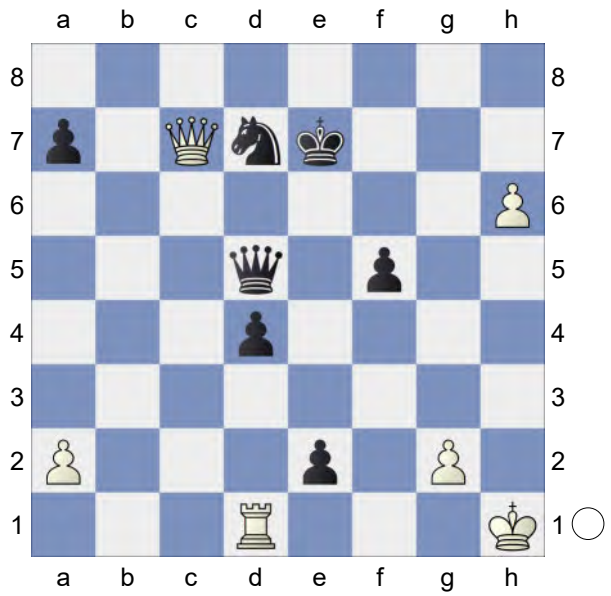
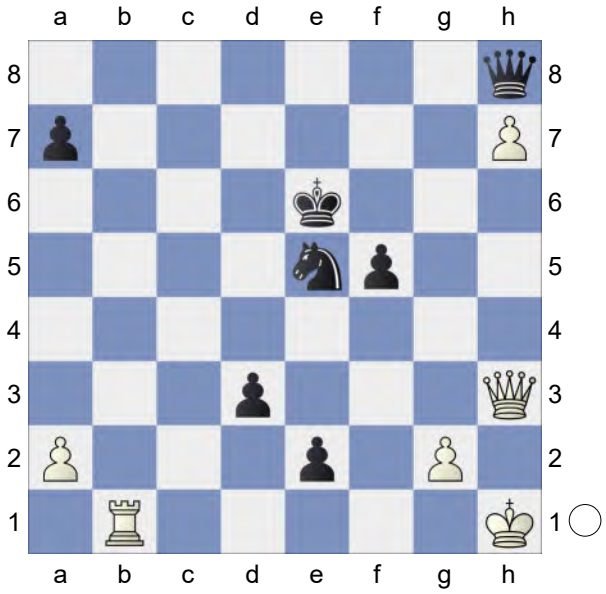


46.Re1= d3 1.57/21
[Black should try 46...Qe4= 0.01/20 47.Qg3 *(47.Qxa7 Qh4+ 48.Kg1 Qxe1+ 49.Kh2 Qh4+ 50.Kg1 e1Q#)* 47...Nf8]
47.h7± Some like it hot **47...Qd4**
48.Qh2↑ 0.73/19 Repels Qh4. White is in control.
[48.Qg3+- 1.73/22 has better winning chances. Qf6 49.Qh3 *(49.Qxd3? Qh4+ 50.Qh3 Qxe1+-+)*]
48...Qh8
[48...Qf2? 49.Rg1 *(49.h8Q Qxe1+ 50.Qg1 Qxg1+* Remove Defender *51.Kxg1 e1Q+ 52.Kh2 Qe5+ 53.Qxe5+ Nxe5 54.Kg3 d2 55.Kh2 d1Q 56.Kg3 Qe1+ 57.Kh2 Ng4+ 58.Kh3 a5 59.a3 a4 60.g3 Qh1#)* 49...e1Q 50.h8Q+- *(50.h8B d2 51.Qh7+ Kd6 52.Qh2+ Kd5; 50.h8B d2 51.Qh7+ Kd6 52.Qg6+ Kc7)*]
49.Qh3 0.31/20
[49.Qh4+± 0.73/22 Nf6 50.Qb4+ Kf7 51.Qc4+ Kg6 52.Qxd3 Qxh7+ 53.Kg1]
49...Ne5!± 50.Rb1? -4.23/20
[50.Kg1= 0.06/20 and White is okay. f4 51.Rb1]

50...Ke6? 0.79/22
[50...Ng4-+ -4.23/20 (-> ...Nf2+) 51.Qh4+ Kd7 *(51...Ke6 52.Re1=)*]



51.Qh6+ -0.01/19
[51.Kg1!± 0.79/22 Strongly threatening Qh6+. Kf6 52.Qh6+ Ng6 53.Kf2]
51...Kd5= 52.Kg1 Ke4 4.67/18
[52...Ng6= 0.01/21 53.Qe3 *(53.Qxg6 Qd4+ 54.Kh1 Qh4+ 55.Kg1 Qd4+ 56.Kh1 Qh4+ 57.Kg1 e1Q+ 58.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 59.Kh2 Qh4+ 60.Kg1 Qe1+ 61.Kh2 Qh4+ 62.Kg1 Qd4+ 63.Kf1 Qf4+ 64.Ke1 Qe3+ 65.Kf1 Qe2+ 66.Kg1 Qe1+=)* 53...Qd4 54.Rb5+ Kc6 55.Qxd4 e1Q+ 56.Kh2 Kxb5]

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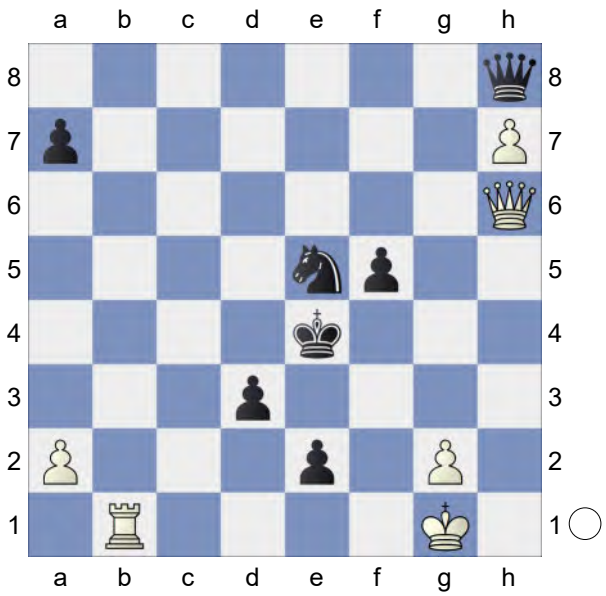
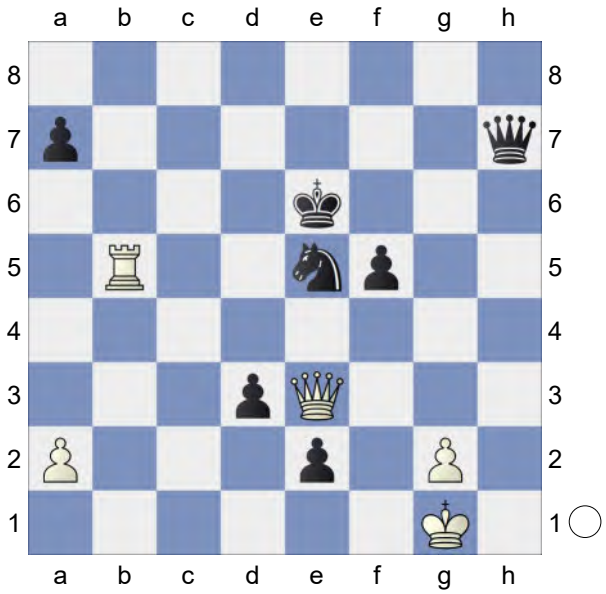


Dodges Qe3+ **53.Rb4+!+- Kd5 54.Qe3 Qxh7?** 13.01/20

[54...Kc6 3.11/19 55.Rb1 *(55.Qxa7 e1Q+ 56.Kh2 Ng4+ 57.Kh3 Qh1+* Skewer *58.Kg3 Qe5+ 59.Rf4 Qh2+ 60.Kf3 Qhxf4#; 55.Kf2 Ng4+ 56.Rxg4 fxg4+-)* 55...a6 56.Rb6+ Kd7 57.Qd4+ *(57.Rxa6 Nc6+-)* 57...Ke8]

55.Rb5+ Ke6

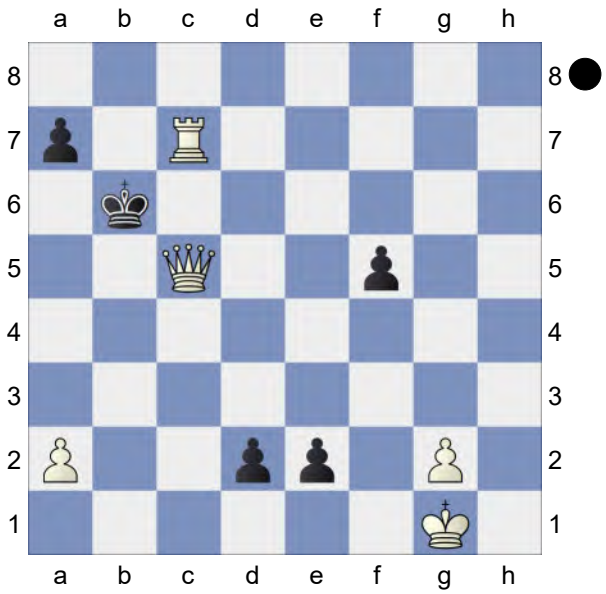


56.Qxe5+ Kd7 57.Rb7+ 17.68/5

[57.Qxf5+ Qxf5 58.Rxf5 d2 *(58...e1R+ 59.Kf2±; 58...e1Q+? 59.Rf1-+; 58...e1R+ 59.Kf2=; 58...e1Q+ 59.Kh2 d2 60.Rd5+ Ke6 61.Rd3 d1Q 62.Rxd1 Qxd1 63.Kh3 Kf5 64.Kg3 Qd3+ 65.Kf2 Kg4 66.Ke1 Kg3 67.a4 Kxg2 68.a5 Kf3 69.a6 Qe2#)*]

[⌓57.Rd5+ #7/16 Kc8 58.Qe8+ *(58.Rxd3 a6+-)* 58...Kb7 59.Rb5+ *(59.Rxd3 a6 60.Rb3+ Kc7 61.Qb8+ Kd7 62.Rb7+ Kc6 63.Rb6+ Kc5 64.Qd6+ Kc4 65.Rc6+ Kb5 66.Qc5+* Deflection *Ka4 67.Rxa6#)* 59...Kc7 60.Rc5+ Kd6 61.Rc6+ *(61.Qe5+ Kd7 62.Rc7+* Skewer, Double Attack *Kd8 63.Qd6+ Ke8 64.Qe6+ Kf8 65.Qc8#)* 61...Kd5 62.Qe6+ Kd4 63.Rc4#]

57...Kc6 58.Rxh7 White mates. **58...d2 59.Rc7+ Kb6 60.Qc5+**



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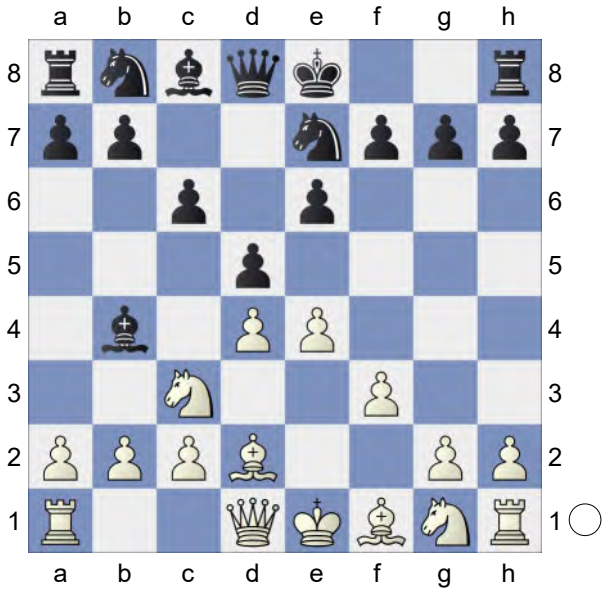
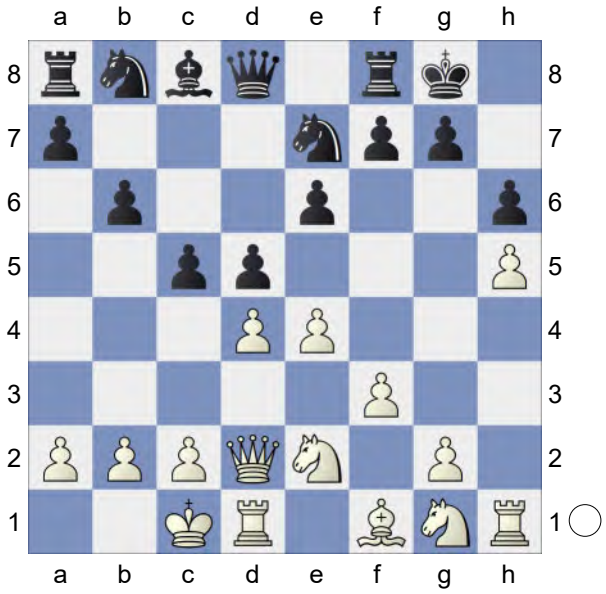
72 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2911**
■ **Lunaticxxx** **2729**
Blitz 20.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

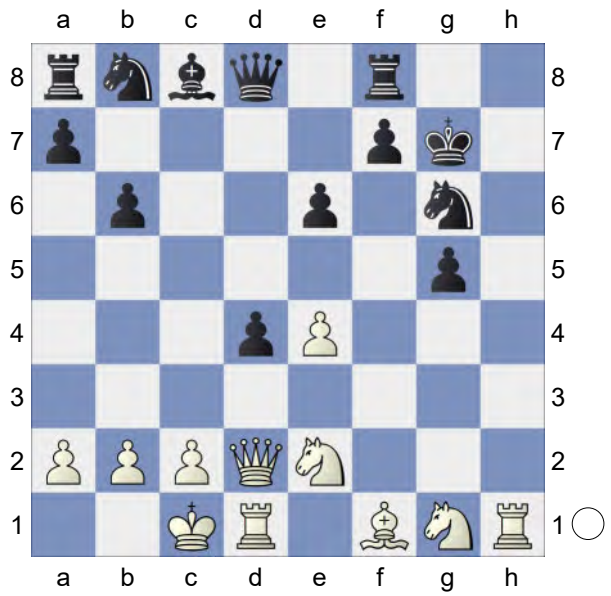
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7
[5...b6 6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
[5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 _ - _ 6.♗d2 c5 _52375 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)]



6.Nce2N
[6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3
A) 7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 *(8...c5 9.e5 a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:*)* 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.e5 h6 12.c3 a6 13.Nd6 Bc7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:;
B) 7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Qxd4 10.0-0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:]
6...Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-0 8.0-0-0 White has an edge. **8...b6 9.h4 c5 10.h5 h6**



11.g4 dxe4 12.fxe4 cxd4 13.g5
[13.Nxd4?! e5 14.Nf5 Qxd2+ 15.Rxd2 Nxf5 16.gxf5 Nd7=]
[13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.Nxd4 Bb7∓]
13...hxg5 14.h6 0.45/17
[14.Qxd4 Nec6 15.Qc3 Qe7∓]
[14.Qxg5± 0.94/18 Hoping for Qg3! f6 15.Qg3]
14...Ng6 1.95/20
[14...gxh6!± 0.45/17 15.Rxh6 *(15.Qxd4? Qxd4 16.Nxd4 Kg7-+)* 15...Ng6]
15.hxg7+- Kxg7



16.Nxd4
[16.Qxd4+? Qxd4 17.Nxd4 Nd7-+]
16...Qf6 2.19/19 Wards off Nf5+
[⌓16...Nc6 1.65/19]
17.Kb1 0.95/18
[17.Bg2+- 2.19/19 And now e5! would win. Ne5 *(17...Qf4? 18.e5+-)* 18.Ngf3]
17...Bb7 1.43/20
[⌓17...Nd7 0.95/18]
18.Bg2→ White goes for the king. White is more active. **18...Nc6** ...Qxd4 is the strong threat. **19.Nxc6** 0.01/19
[White should try 19.e5± 1.29/22 Ngxe5 *(19...Qxe5? 20.Bxc6 Bxc6 21.Nxc6+-)* 20.Rf1 Qxf1+ *(20...Nc4? 21.Qd3+-)* 21.Bxf1 Nxd4 22.Qxg5+ *(22.Qxd4 f6-+)* 22...Ng6 23.Bg2]
19...Bxc6=

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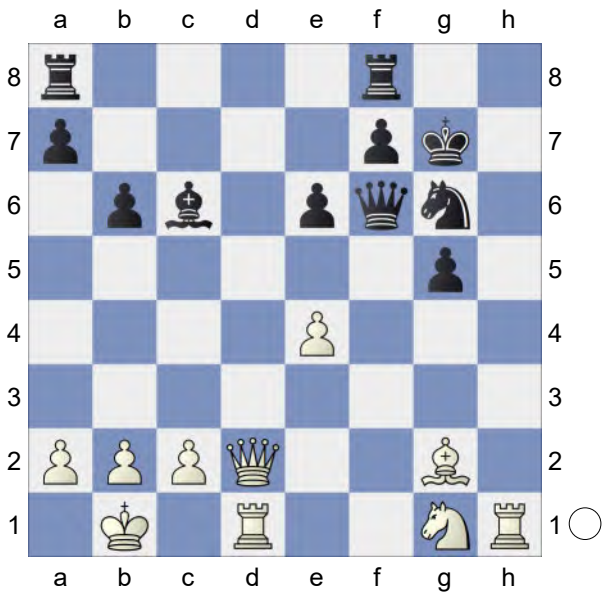
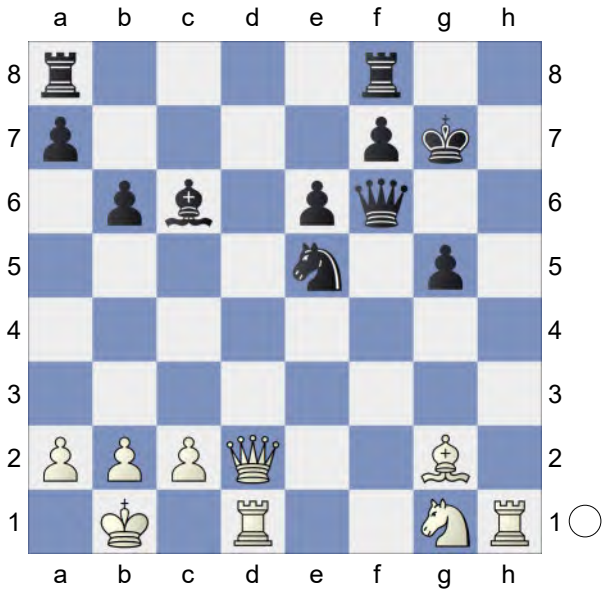


20.e5! -0.44/22 **Nxe5∓**
[Inferior is 20...Qxe5 21.Bxc6 Rad8 22.Bd7± *(22.Qxd8? loses. Rxd8 23.Rf1 g4-+)*]



21.Rf1

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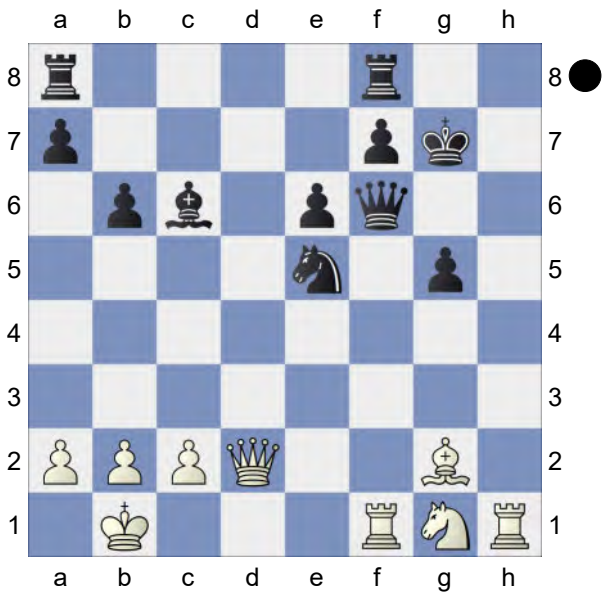
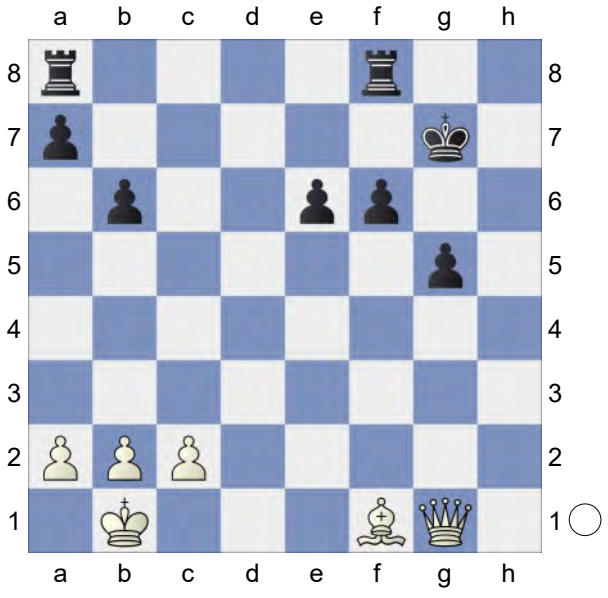


Qxf1+ 0.48/23 **22.Bxf1± Bxh1 23.Qh2**
[But not 23.Qxg5+ Ng6=]
23...Nf3 1.22/23
[23...f6± 0.55/18 24.Qxh1 Rad8]
24.Qxh1± Nxg1 1.50/20
[⌓24...Nd2+ 1.01/21 25.Kc1 Nxf1]
25.Qxg1 f6 3.19/23
[25...Kg6± 1.53/20 26.Qg3 f5]



26.Bd3+- Rad8 27.a4 Rd5 28.Qh2 f5 29.Qc7+ Rf7 30.Qc3+ Kg6

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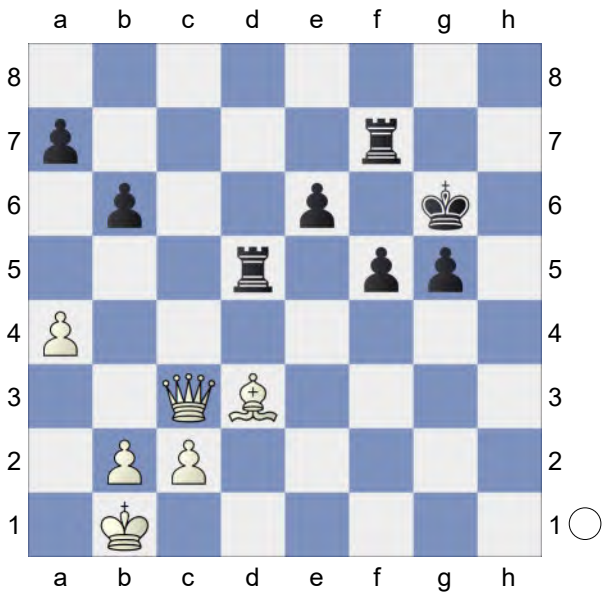
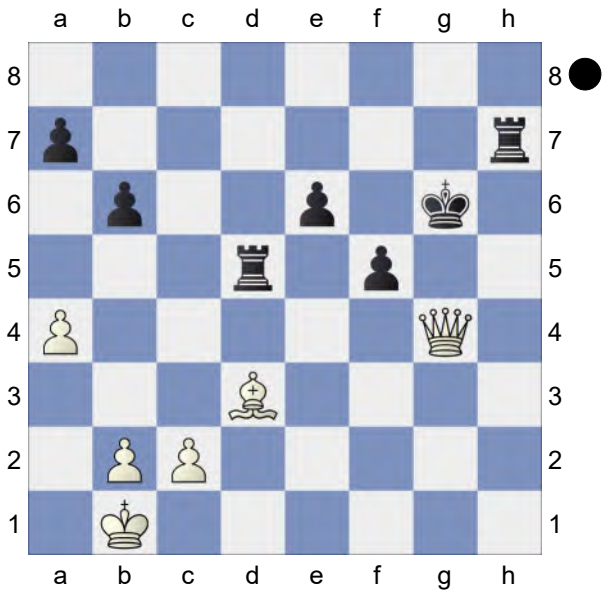


31.Qh8 Black must now prevent Bc4.
31...g4 32.Qh4 Rh7? 3.58/21
[32...Kg7 1.95/19 33.Bb5 Rc7]
33.Qxg4+



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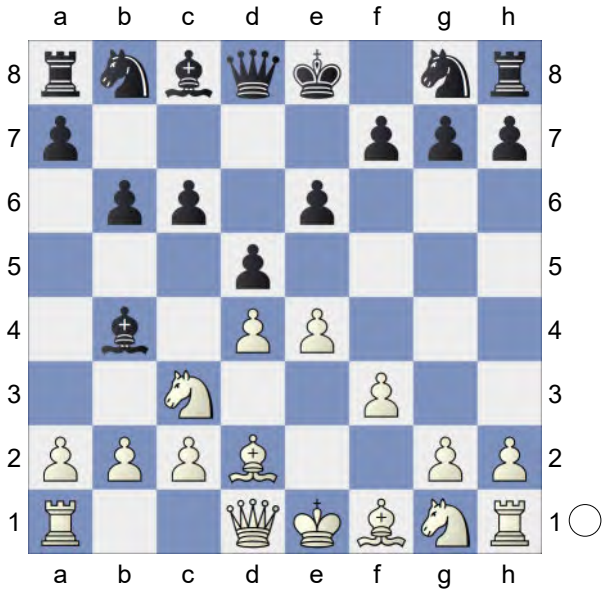
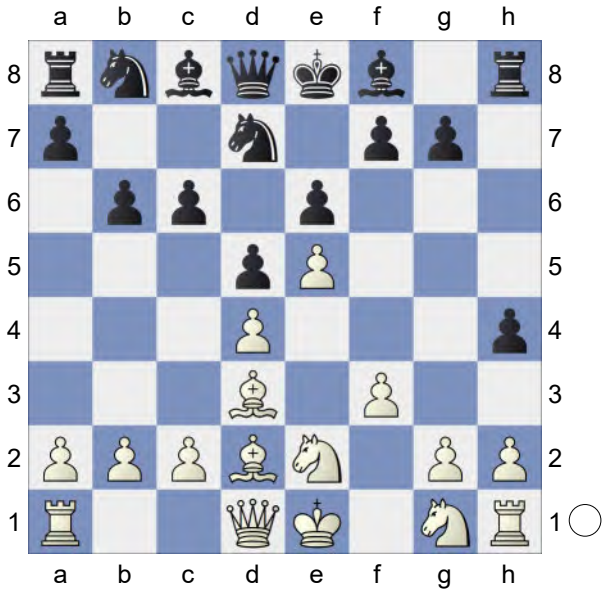
73 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2866**
■ **Vroeli** **2718**
Blitz 24.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

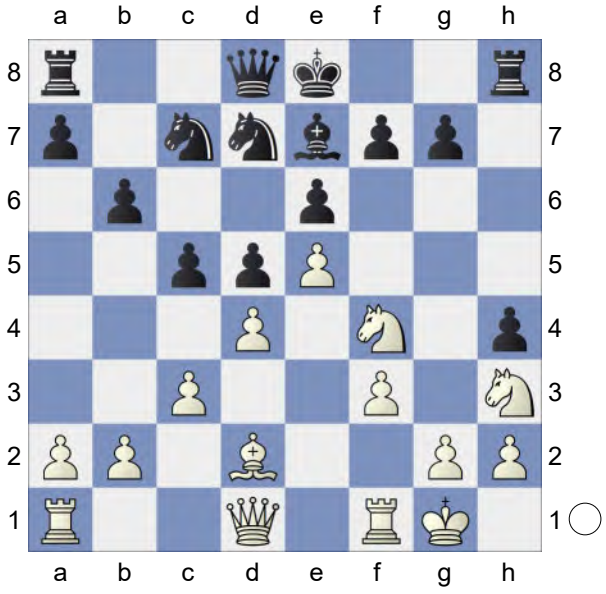
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 b6
[5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 _-_ 6.♗d2 c5_52375 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)]



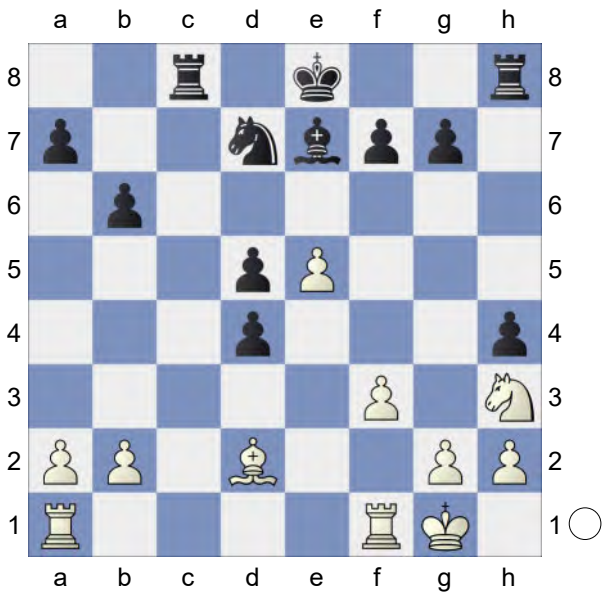
6.Nce2
[6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 fxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
6...Bf8N
[6...Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Ba6 8.0-0-0 Ne7 9.h4 Nd7 10.h5 h6 11.e5 c5 12.f4 Qc7 13.Nf3 Bxe2 14.Bxe2 c4 15.Nh4 b5 16.Bg4 3...e6]
7.Ng3 h5 8.Bd3 The position is equal.
8...h4 9.N3e2 Nf6 10.e5 Nfd7



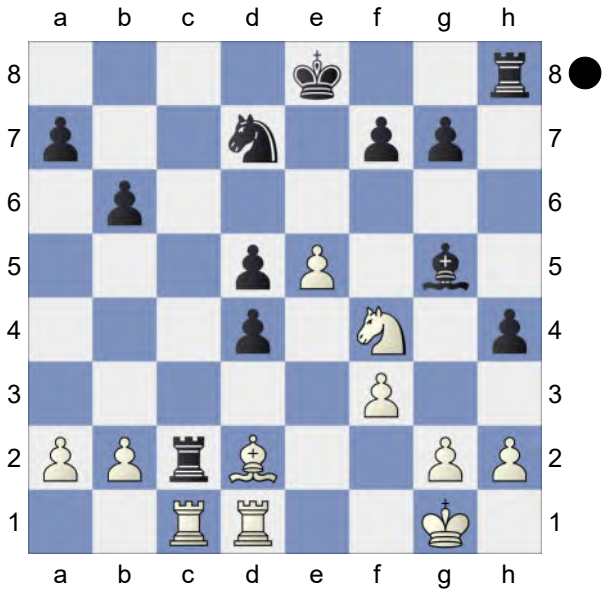
11.Nh3 c5 12.c3 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.0-0 Nc7 15.Nef4 Be7



16.Qc2 Qc8 17.c4 -0.18/18
[17.Ne2± 0.38/16]
17...cxd4= 18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxc8+ -1.51/23 Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[White should play 19.Qe4!∓ -0.41/20]
19...Rxc8∓ 20.Nxd5 exd5



21.Nf4 Rc2 22.Rfd1 -2.68/18
[22.Be1 -1.61/19 is a better defense.]
22...Bg5 23.Rac1? -5.30/24
[23.Bc1 -1.64/21 was the crucial defense.]



23...Rxd2!-+ Remove Defender. Black is clearly winning. **24.Rxd2**
[24.Nxd5 Be3+]
24...Bxf4 25.Rc8+ Ke7

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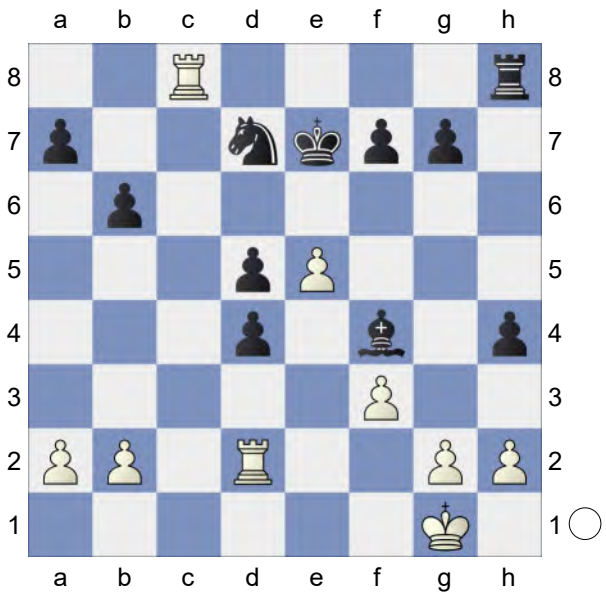
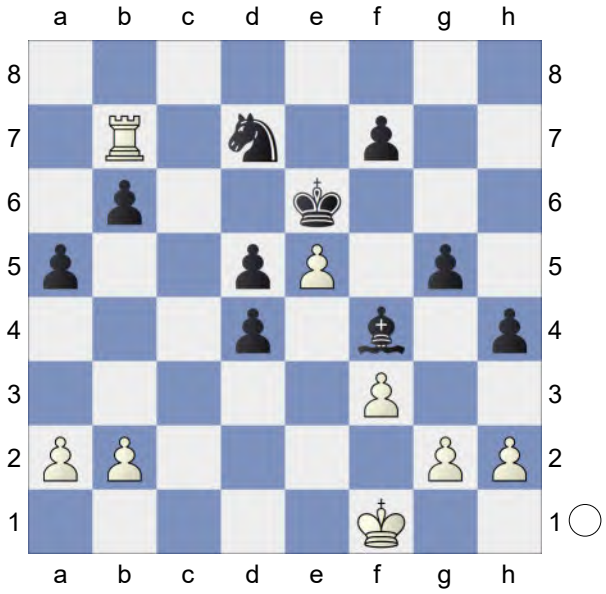


26.Rxh8 Bxd2 27.Kf1 g5 28.Ra8 a5 29.Ra7 Ke6 30.Rb7 Bf4



31.h3 d3

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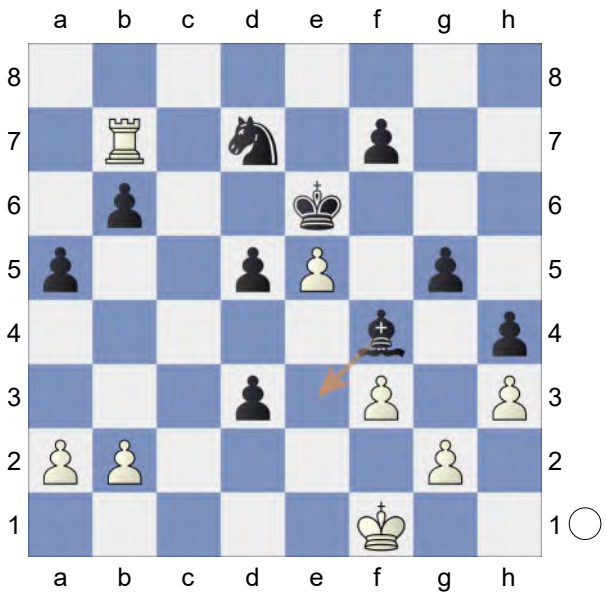
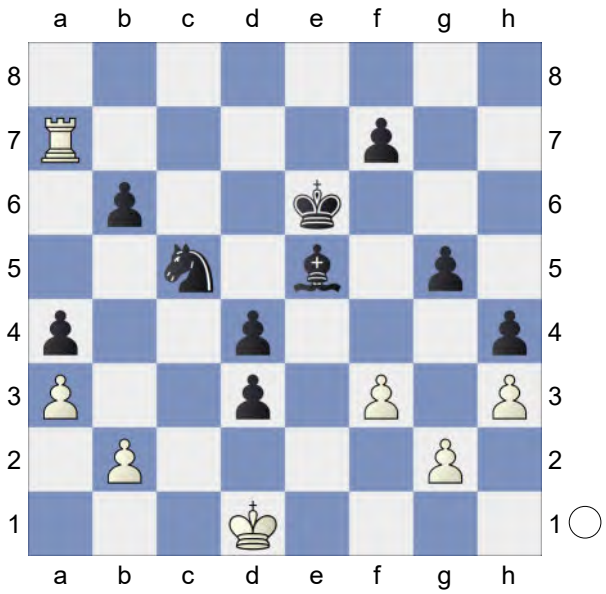


...Be3! is the strong threat. **32.Ke1 d4 33.a3 a4 34.Ra7 Nc5 35.Kd1** Dodges d2 **35...Bxe5**



36.Ra8 f6 37.Rc8 Kd5

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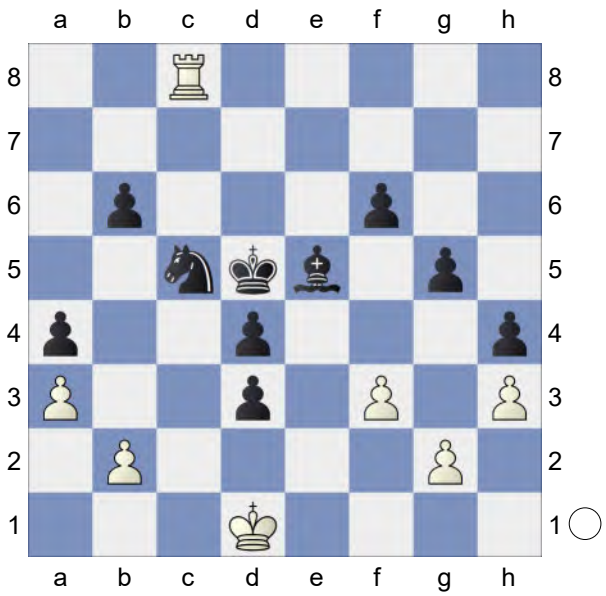

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74 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2901**
■ **S2Pac** **2684**
Blitz 20.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7
[5...b6 6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
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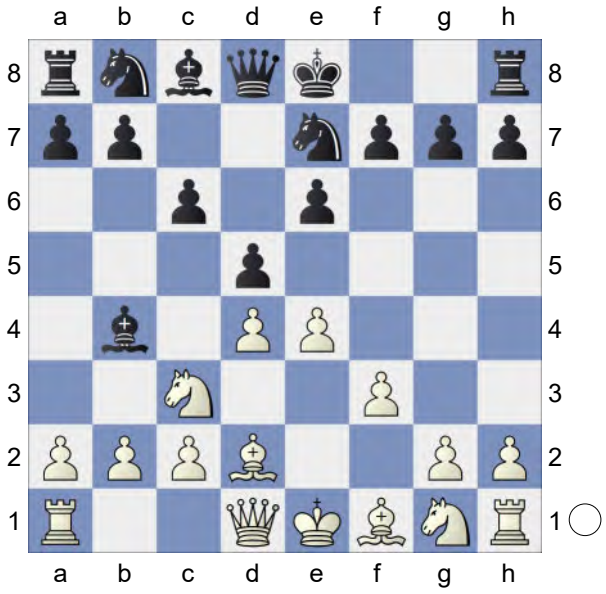

6.Nce2N
[6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3
A) 7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 *(8...c5 9.e5 a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:*)* 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.e5 h6 12.c3 a6 13.Nd6 Bc7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:;
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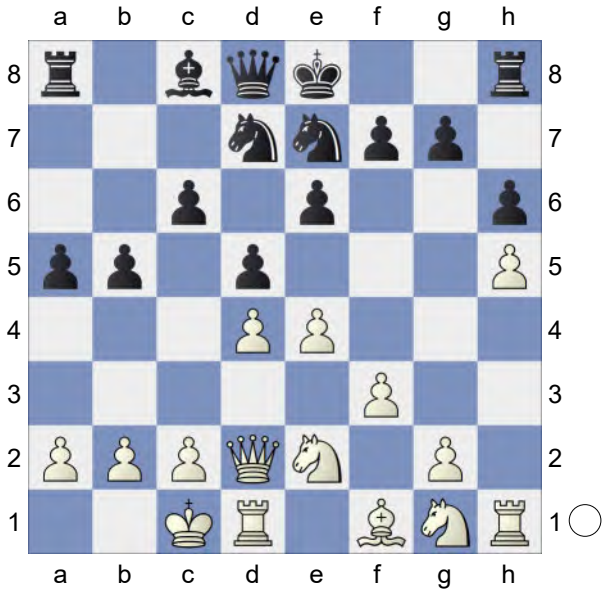
6...Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Nd7 8.0-0-0 White has an edge. **8...b5 9.h4 a5 10.h5 h6**



11.g4 a4 12.a3 0.00/18
[12.g5± 0.44/16 might be stronger.]
12...Nb6 13.Nc3 -0.03/18
[13.Qb4± 0.35/16]
13...Ba6 0.52/18
[13...b4= -0.03/18 14.axb4 a3]
14.Na2!± Nc4 1.30/19
[14...f6± 0.58/17]
15.Bxc4± dxc4

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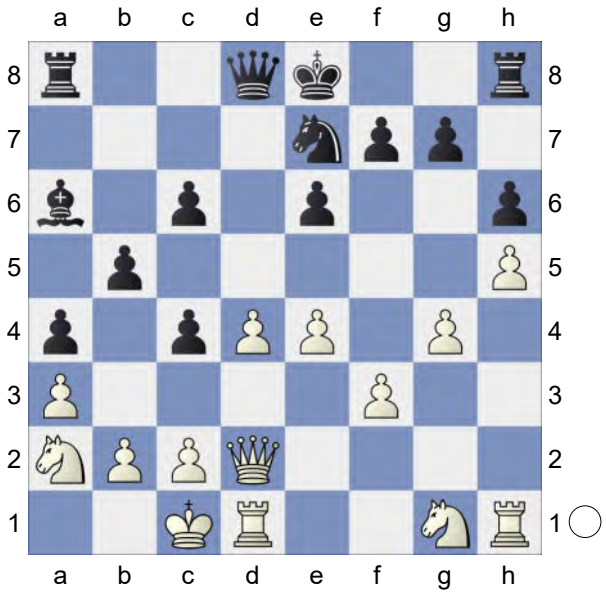
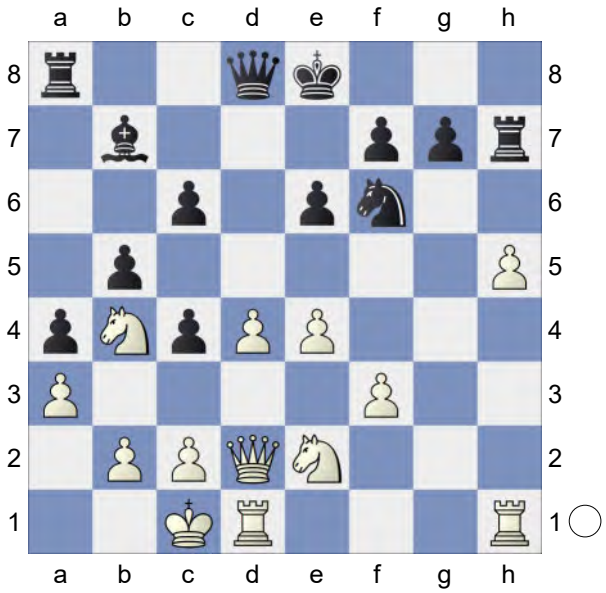


16.g5 hxg5 17.Qxg5 Rh7 18.Ne2 White is more active. **18...Ng8 19.Qd2 Nf6** 2.07/17

[19...Bb7± 1.46/17 20.Nac3 Qb6]

20.Nb4 Bb7



21.Ng3 Qc7 22.e5↑ Black is under strong pressure. **22...0-0-0** 2.31/18

[22...Nd5± 1.52/20 23.Ne4 0-0-0]

23.Qg5 Nd5 24.Ne4 Qe7? 5.55/20

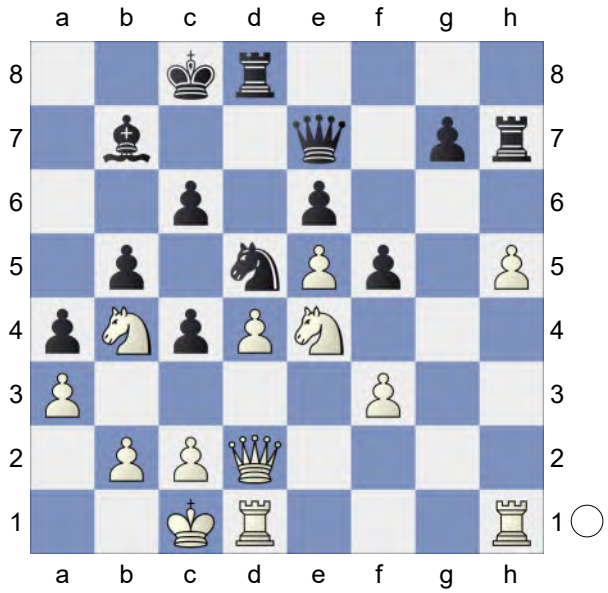
[24...Kb8± 1.52/18 is tougher. 25.h6 gxh6 26.Rxh6 Rxh6 27.Qxh6 Ne7]

25.Qd2? 1.20/18

[25.Nxd5+- 5.55/20 is the precise move to win. Qxg5+ 26.Nxg5]

25...f5? 2.78/21

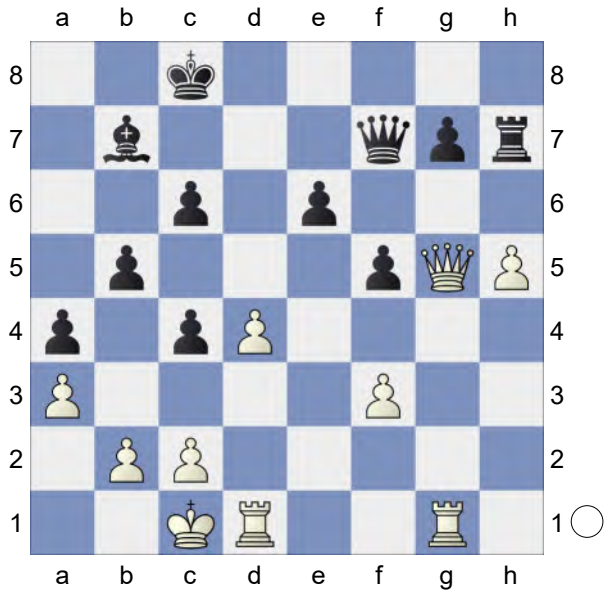
[25...Nxb4± 1.20/18 26.Nd6+ *(26.Qxb4 Qxb4 27.axb4 Rf8=; 26.axb4 Rdh8±)* 26...Kb8 *(26...Rxd6? 27.exd6 Qxd6 28.axb4+-)*]



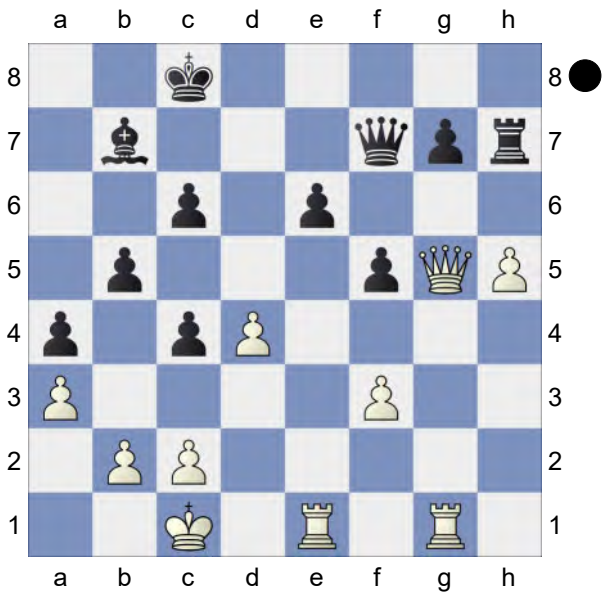
26.Nxd5 Rxd5 27.Nd6+ Rxd6 2.79/18

[⌓27...Kb8 1.78/20 28.Qe3 Ka7]

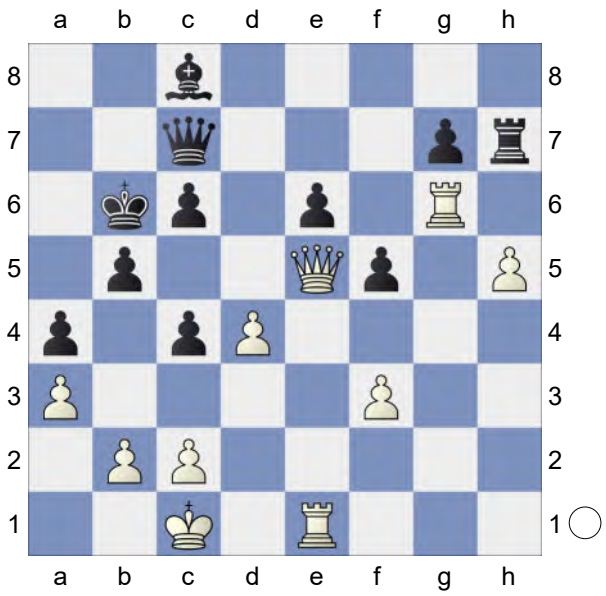
28.exd6+- Qxd6 29.Qg5 Qd7 30.Rhg1 Qf7



31.Rde1



Hoping for Qg6. Black is weak on the dark squares **31...Kc7?** 4.73/24
[31...c5 1.93/19 32.Qg3 *(32.dxc5 Bxf3 33.Qe3 Bd5±)* 32...cxd4]
32.Qf4+ Kb6 33.Rg6 Bc8 7.45/21
[33...Rxh5 3.80/19 34.Rexe6 *(34.Rgxe6 g5+-)* 34...Rh6]
34.Qb8+ Qb7 35.Qe5 Qc7



36.Qc5+ Kb7

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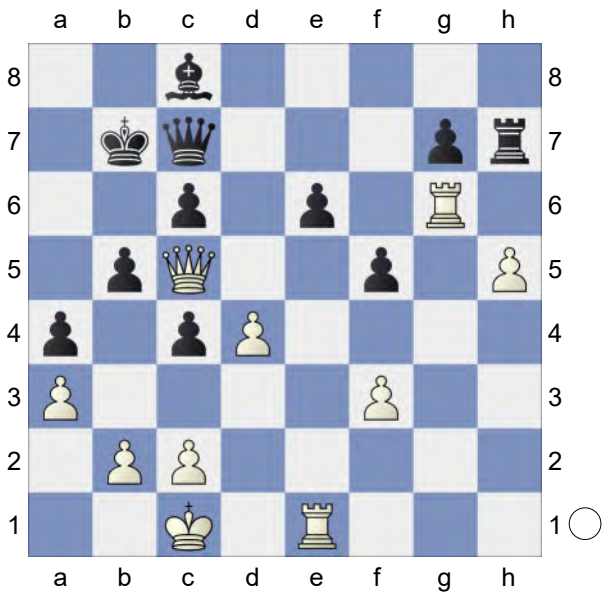
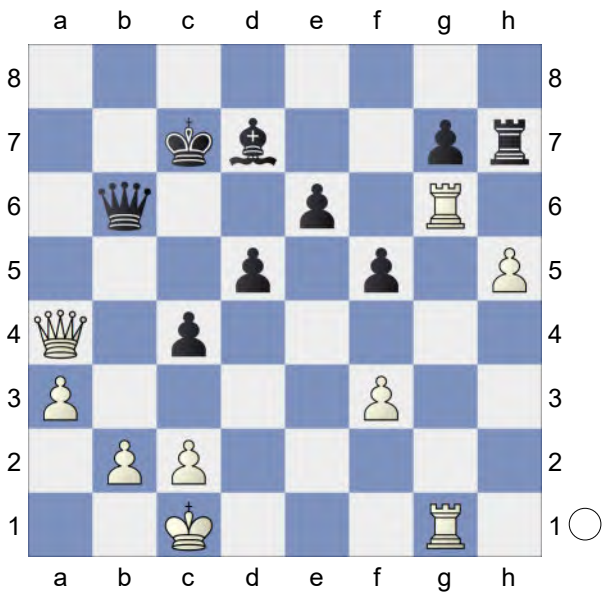
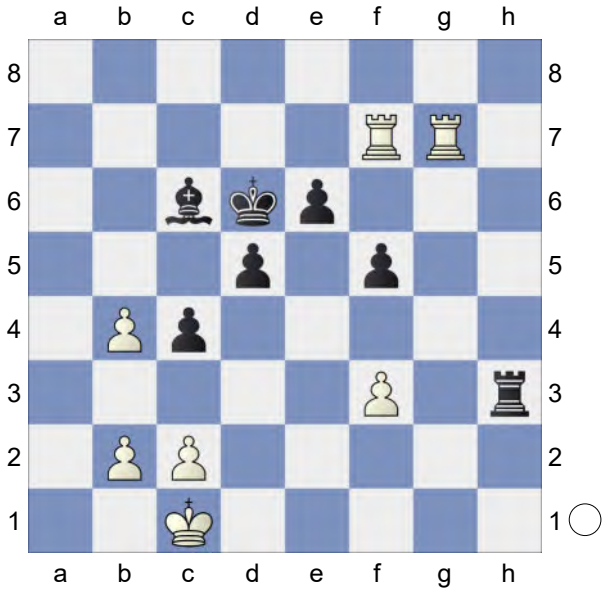


37.d5! Deflection **37...cxd5 38.Qxb5+ Qb6 39.Qxa4 Kc7 40.Reg1** 2.42/22
[⌓40.Qe8 4.73/19 c3 41.bxc3]
40...Bd7



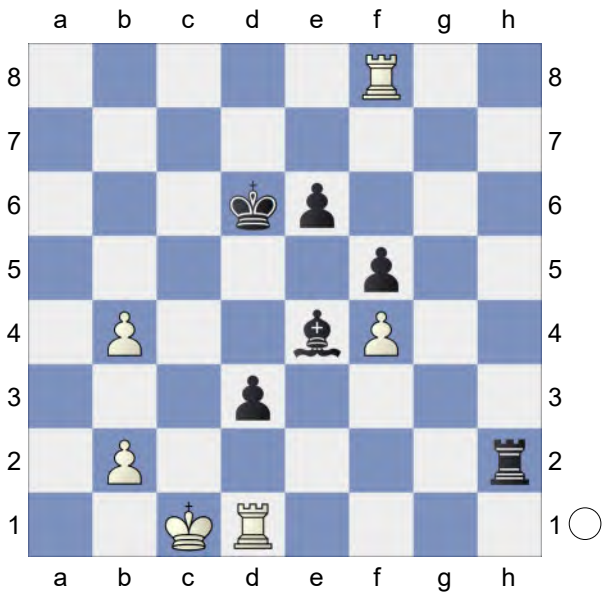
41.Qb4
[41.Rxg7? is the wrong capture. Qe3+ *(41...Rxh5 42.Rxd7+ Kc8 43.Rg8+)* 42.Kb1 Qxg1+ *(42...Rxh5 43.Rxd7+ Kb6 44.Qb4+ Ka6 45.Rd6+ Ka7 46.Rg7+ Ka8 47.Rd8#)* 43.Rxg1 Bxa4-+]
41...Qxb4 42.axb4 Rxh5 43.Rxg7± Endgame. KRR-KRB **43...Kd6 44.Rf7**

0.85/19
[44.c3+- 1.81/19 has better winning chances.]
44...Rh3 2.11/22
[44...d4± 0.85/19 is a better defense.]
45.Rgg7 1.07/22
[45.Rg8+- 2.11/22 Rd8 would now be deadly. Rh1+ 46.Kd2 Rh2+ 47.Kc3]
45...Bc6 1.45/21
[Better is 45...Be8 1.07/22]

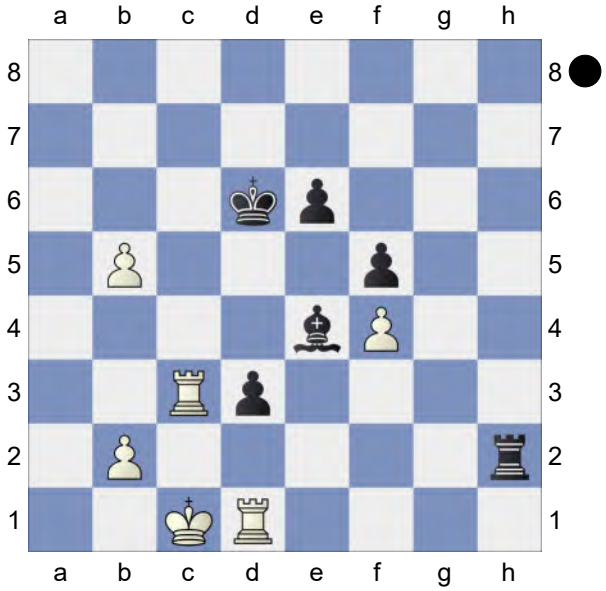


46.f4 0.01/22
[White should play 46.Ra7± 1.45/21 And now Ra6 would win. Rh1+ 47.Kd2]
46...d4 47.Rg1 Be4 ...Rh2 is the strong threat. **48.Rd1 d3 49.cxd3 cxd3 50.Rf8 Rh2**

(Diagram)



51.Rc8 Dodges Rc2+ **51...Kd7** 0.62/23
[51...Kd5= -0.01/21]
52.Rc3 0.25/24
[52.Rc5± 0.62/23]
52...Kd6 53.b5



White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.46
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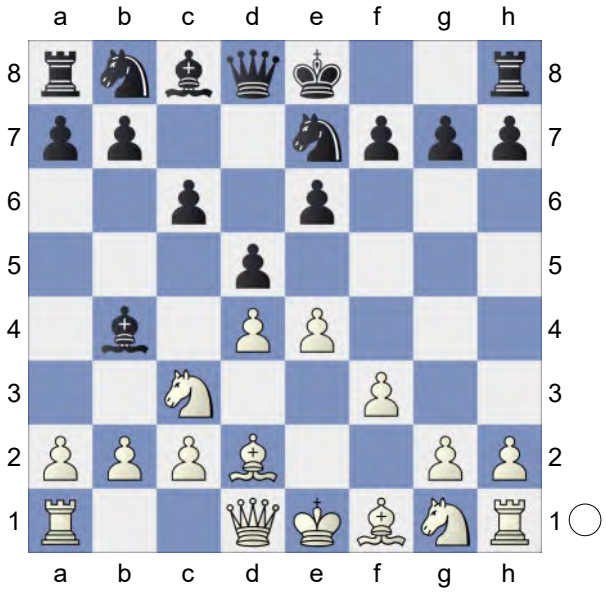
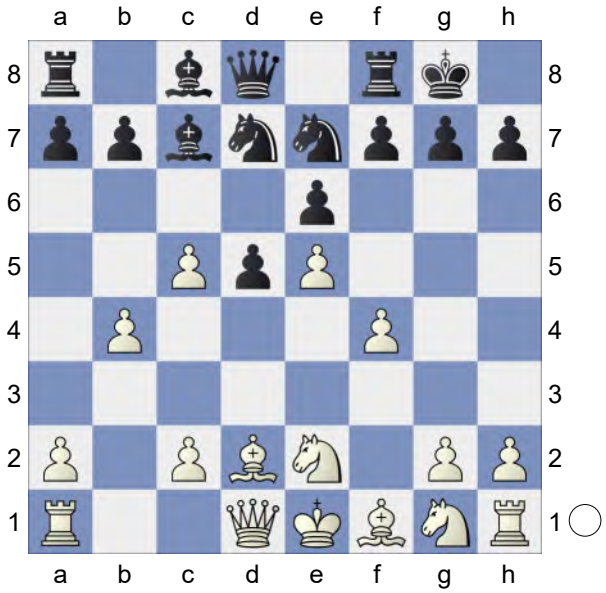
75 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2890**
■ **Federtiu** **2674**
Blitz 19.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.f3 d5 3.d4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7

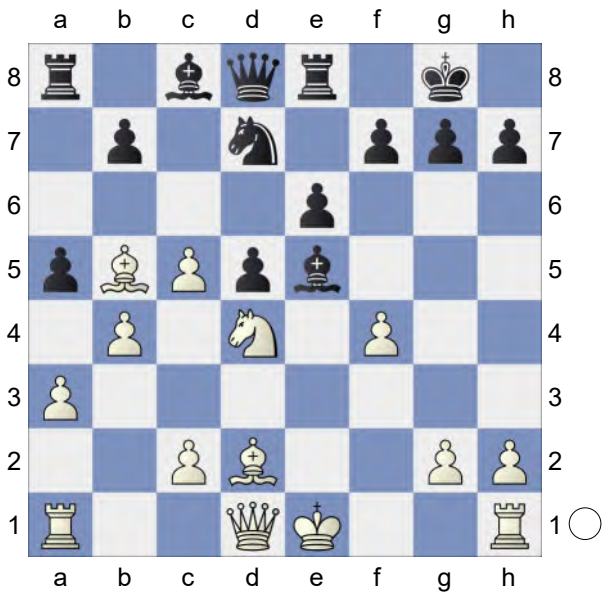


6.Nce2N
[6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3 b5 *(7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 9.Nf3 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nf5 12.0-0-0 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.c3 h5 15.Ne5 Qh6 16.g3 f6 17.Nf3 Bd7 18.Qf2 Rac8 19.b4 Bc7 20.Rhg1 b6 21.h3 c5 22.Kb2 _ - _ (34) 1.f4 e5 2.fe5/ 4.* ♘f3 g5 5.g (2577)-3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 ♕b6 5. ♘c3 (2550) B1) 5...fxe6*; 7...Bb6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.Na4 dxe4 10.fxe4 Bxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Bb4 Re8 13.Qf3* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML: *)* 8.e5 Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nce2 Bb6 11.f4 a5 12.Nf3 Solak,D (2547)-Bologan,V (2668) Sarajevo 2010]
6...Bd6 7.e5 Bc7 8.f4 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.dxc5 Nd7 10.b4 0-0** 0.62/18
[10...a5= 0.22/18]

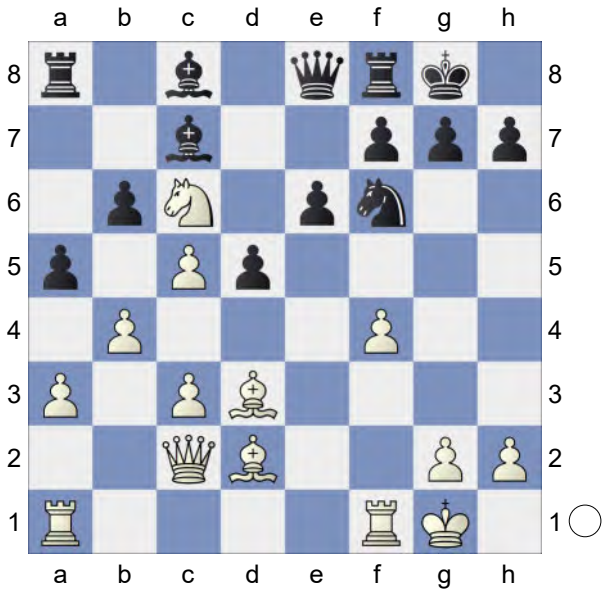


11.Nd4± a5 12.a3 Nc6 13.Ngf3 -0.59/20
[13.c3± 0.41/18]
13...Re8? 1.28/17
[13...Ndxe5∓ -0.59/20 14.Nxc6 *(14.fxe5 Nxd4 15.Bd3 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 axb4-+)* 14...Nxf3+ *(14...Nxc6 15.b5∓)* 15.Qxf3 bxc6]
14.Bb5 0.05/20
[14.Nxc6± 1.28/17 bxc6 15.Bd3]
14...Nxd4!= 15.Nxd4 Bxe5!

(Diagram)



16.c3 Bc7 17.0-0 Rf8 18.Qc2 Nf6 19.Bd3 b6 0.87/18
[19...Bd7± 0.31/17]
20.Nc6 -0.24/20 White has more active pieces.
[20.c6!± 0.87/18]
20...Qe8



21.Ne5 bxc5 22.bxc5 Ba6 23.c4 Rd8 24.Be1 dxc4 25.Bxc4 Bxc4

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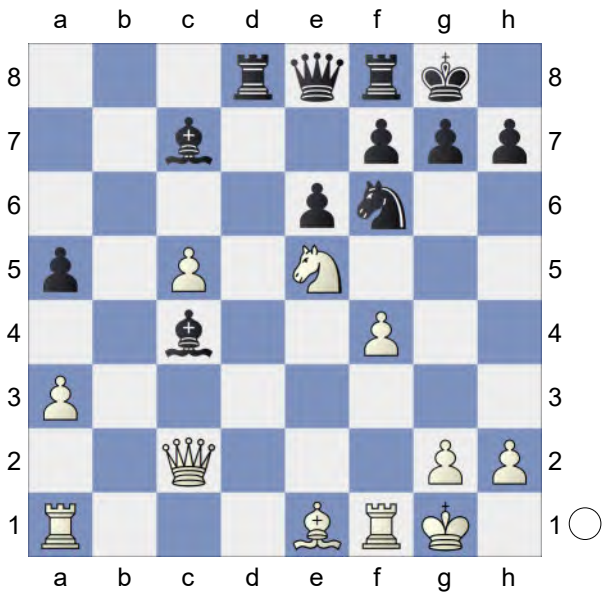
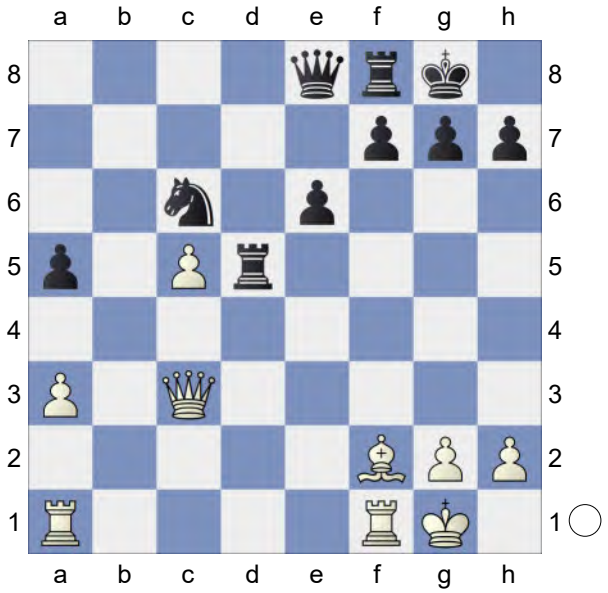
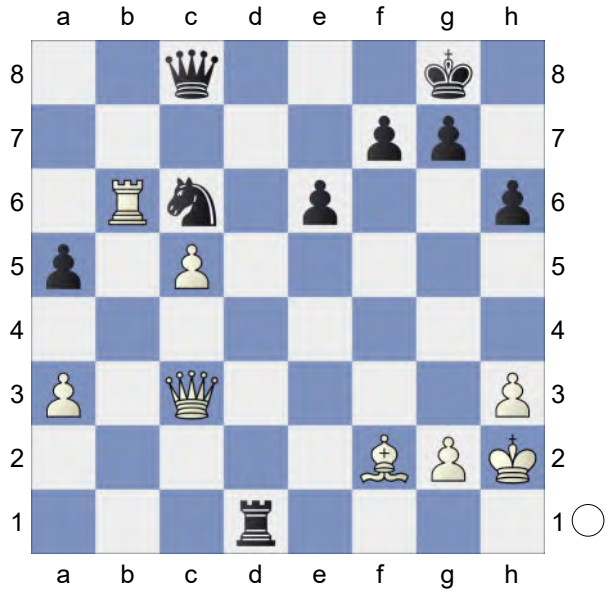


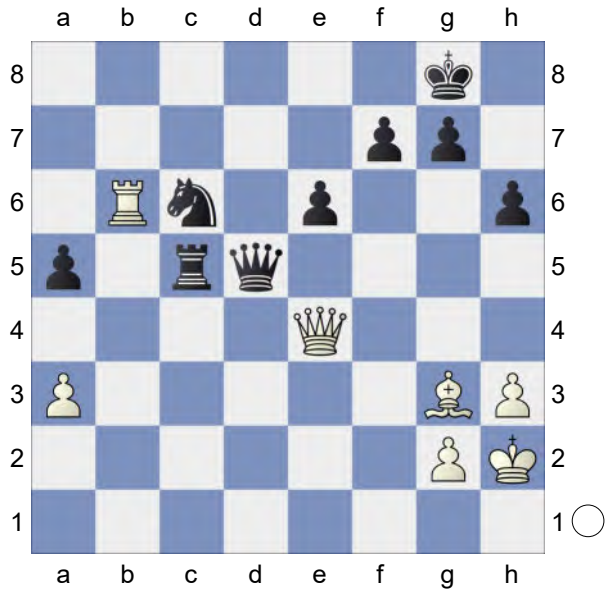
26.Qxc4 Rd5 0.18/18
[26...Nd5∓ -0.42/20 27.Bd2 Ne7]
27.Bh4 -0.79/21
[27.c6= 0.18/18]
27...Bxe5∓ 28.fxe5 Nd7
[28...Rxe5 seems wilder. 29.Rxf6 Qc6 30.Qg4 Rxc5]
29.Bf2 Nxe5
[29...Rxe5 30.c6+-]
30.Qc3 Nc6 -0.81/20
[Black should try 30...Qa4 -1.17/20 31.h3 Rc8]



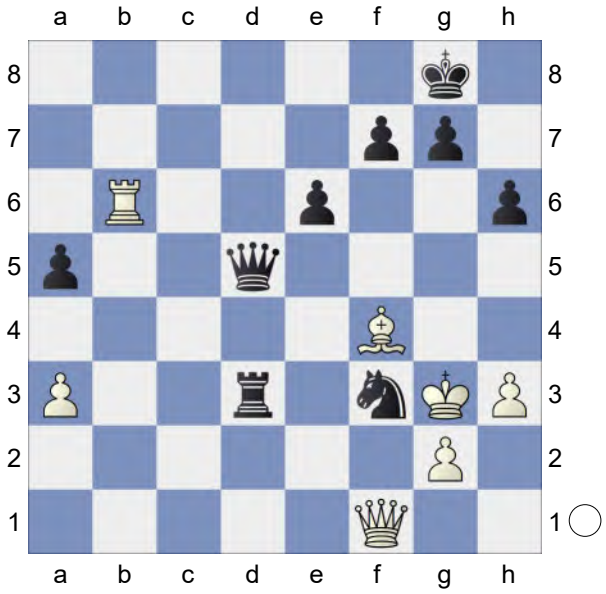
31.Rab1 Qc8 32.Rb6 Rfd8 33.h3 Rd1 -0.02/21
[33...h6∓ -1.01/17 34.Qb3 Ne5]
34.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 35.Kh2 h6



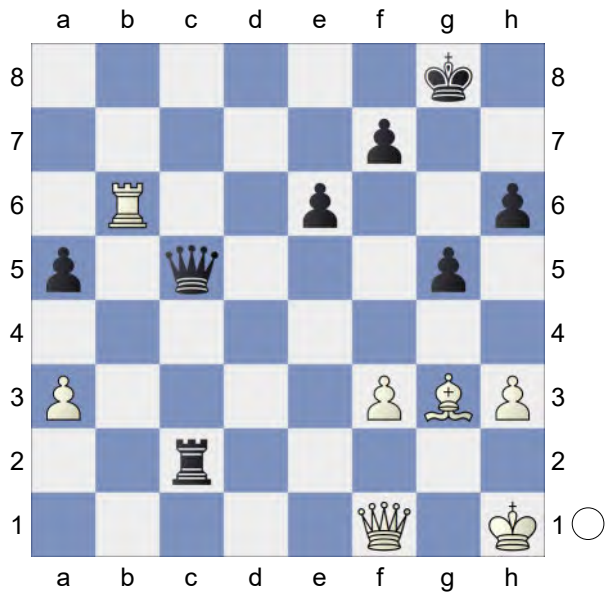
36.Qc4 Qc7+ 37.Bg3 Qd7 38.Qe4 Rd5 39.Qa4? -2.03/21
[39.Bd6= 0.07/22]
39...Rxc5-+ 40.Qe4 Qd5



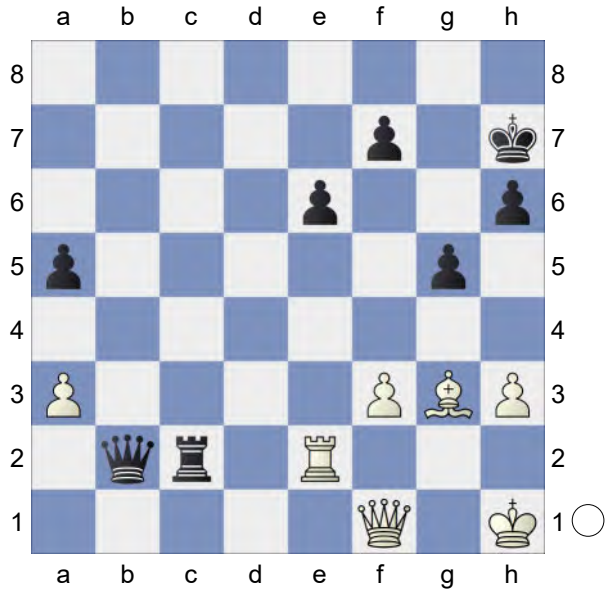
41.Qe3 Rc2 42.Qg1 -9.94/22
[42.Bf2 -3.46/24]
42...Nd4 (-> ...Nf3+) **43.Qf1 Rd2** -4.31/21
[⌓43...Rxg2+ -9.04/21 44.Qxg2 Nf3+ 45.Qxf3 Qxf3]
44.Bf4 Nf3+ 45.Kg3 Rd3



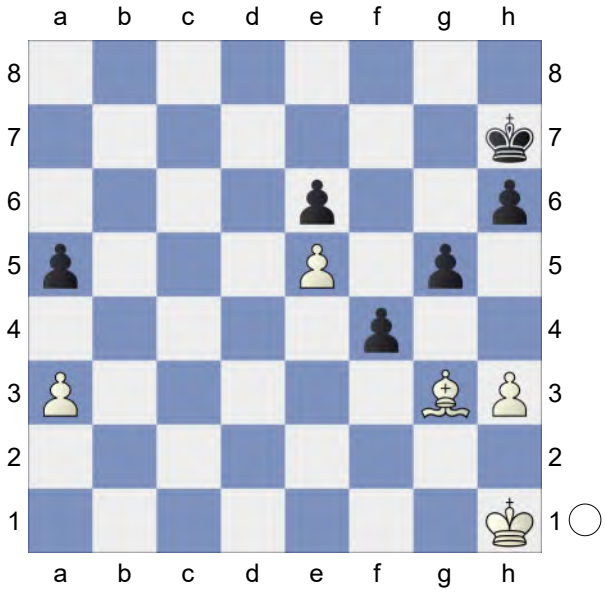
46.gxf3 -5.40/20
[⌓46.Rd6 -3.64/22 Ne1+ *(46...Rxa3? 47.Rxd5 Nd2+ 48.Qd3+-* Double Attack *)* 47.Kh2]
46...g5? -0.01/21
[46...e5-+ -5.40/20 47.Bxh6 gxh6 48.Rxh6 e4 *(48...Rxa3 49.Rh5-+)*]
47.Bb8 -4.79/20
[47.Bc7!= -0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry. Qc5 48.Rb8+ *(48.Qxd3? Qg1#)* 48...Kg7 49.Rc8 *(49.Qxd3? Qg1#)*]
47...Rc3? 0.10/20
[Better is 47...Rd2!-+ -4.79/20 48.Rb1 Qd4]
48.Kg2
[48.Qe2 looks sharper. Qd4 49.Rb1 Re3 50.Qf2]
48...Rc2+ 49.Kh1 Qf5 1.44/20
[49...Qd2= 0.01/22 keeps the balance. 50.Rb1 Qe3]
50.Bg3 0.01/22
[50.Rb5± 1.44/20 Rc1 51.Qxc1 *(51.Rxf5 Rxf1+ 52.Kg2 Rb1∓)* 51...Qxb5 52.Bg3]
50...Qc5



51.Rb8+ Kh7 0.76/22
[51...Kg7= -0.01/25 52.Rb1 Qxa3]
52.Rb5 -0.55/24
[52.Qd3+± 0.76/22 Kg7 53.Rb1]
52...Qc3 0.01/24
[52...Qxa3∓ -0.55/24 53.Rb1 a4]
53.Re5 Rc1 Pin **54.Re1 Rc2** 0.55/19
[54...Rxe1= 0.01/21 55.Bxe1 Qxa3]
55.Re2 0.01/22
[55.a4± 0.55/19]
55...Qb2 1.37/20
[55...Qc4= 0.01/22 56.Re1 Qb3]

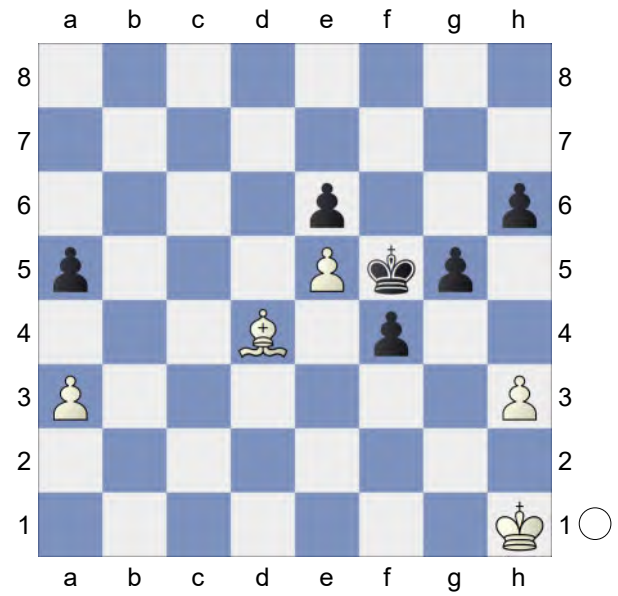


56.Rxc2± Qxc2 57.Qe1 Inhibits Qc3.
57...Qf5 2.28/25
[57...a4 1.79/22 was necessary. 58.Qe3 Kg6]
58.Qe4 Qxe4 59.fxe4+- Endgame. aiming for a4. KB-KP **59...f5?** 4.86/23
[59...a4 2.05/23 60.e5 Kg6]
60.e5? 0.01/30
[White should play 60.a4+- 4.86/23]
60...f4=



61.Bf2 And now a4 would win.
[61.Be1!? a4□ 62.Bb4=]
61...Kg6? 4.57/25
[61...a4= 0.02/26]
62.Bd4? 0.01/24
[62.a4+- 4.57/25]
62...Kf5? 4.80/23
[62...a4!= 0.01/24 and Black is okay.]

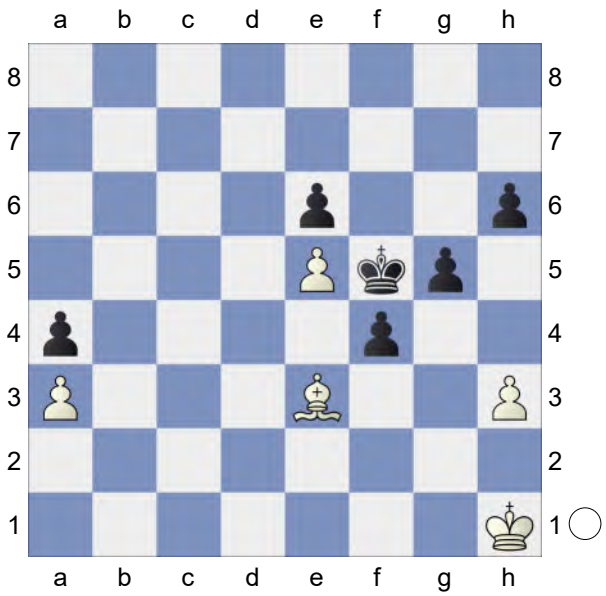
(Diagram)



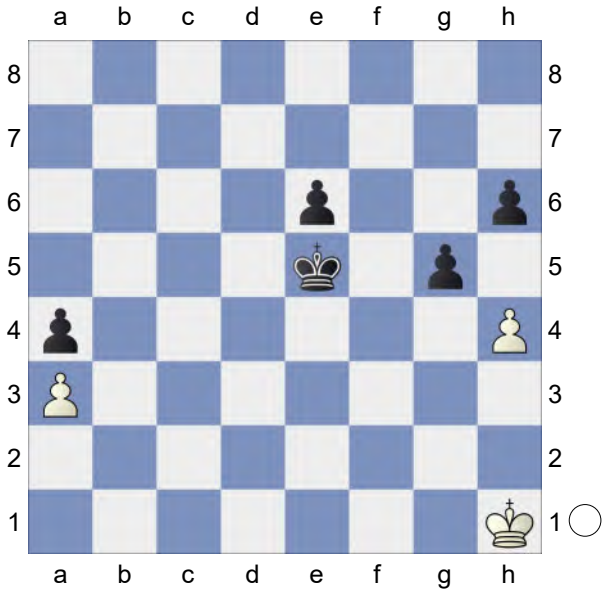
63.Be3?? -#11/24 **a4?** 0.01/24

[63...fxe3 -#11/24 mates 64.Kg2 Ke4 *(64...Kxe5 65.Kf3 Kd4 66.Ke2 Ke4 67.a4 h5 68.Ke1 Kd3 69.Kd1 e2+ 70.Ke1 Ke3 71.h4 e5 72.hxg5 h4 73.g6 h3 74.g7 h2 75.g8Q h1Q+ 76.Qg1+ Qxg1#)* 65.Kg3 e2 *(65...Kxe5* leads to mate. *66.Kf3 Kd4 67.Ke2 Ke4 68.a4 e5 69.Kf1 Kd3 70.Kg2 e2 71.Kf2 h5 72.Ke1 Ke3 73.h4 e4 74.hxg5 h4 75.g6 h3 76.g7 h2 77.g8Q h1Q+ 78.Qg1+ Qxg1#)* 66.Kf2 Kd3 *(66...Kxe5? 67.Kxe2 Kf4 68.Kd3-+)* 67.Ke1 a4 68.h4 gxh4 69.Kf2 Kd2 70.Kf3 e1Q *(70...e1B 71.Kg2 Kc3 72.Kh3 Kb3 73.Kg4 Kxa3 74.Kh5 h3 75.Kg6 h2 76.Kf7 Kb3 77.Kxe6 a3 78.Kf7 h1Q 79.e6 a2 80.e7 a1Q 81.e8Q Qh5+ 82.Kf8 Qh8+ 83.Ke7 Q8xe8+ 84.Kf6 Qhg6#)* 71.Kg2 Qe2+ *(71...Qxe5 72.Kg1 Qe2 73.Kh1 h3 74.Kg1 Qg2#)* 72.Kh3 h5 73.Kxh4 Qg4#]

(Diagram)



64.Bxf4? -#18/27 **Kxf4 65.h4 Kxe5**

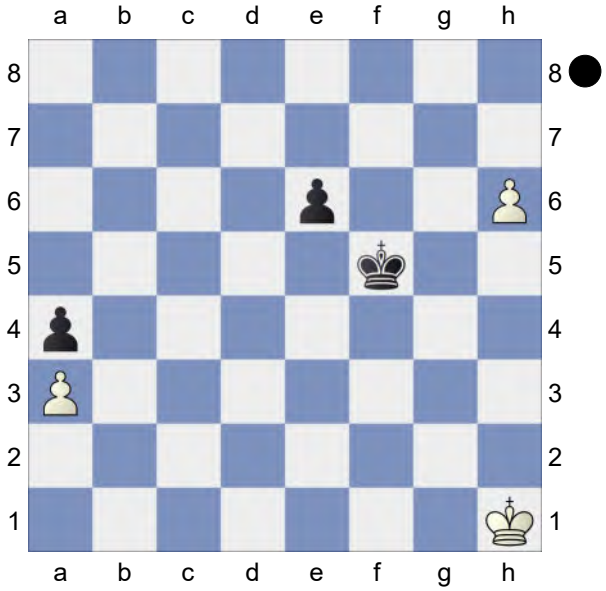


66.hxg5 Kf5 -10.32/29

[⌓66...hxg5 -#15/26 67.Kg2 Kf4 68.Kg1 Kf3 69.Kf1 g4 70.Ke1 g3 71.Kd2 g2 72.Kc3 Ke4 *(72...g1R* gets mated. *73.Kd4 Rg5 74.Kc4 e5 75.Kd5 e4+ 76.Ke6 e3 77.Kf6 Rg4 78.Kf5 e2 79.Ke6 e1Q+ 80.Kd5 Rg6 81.Kc4 Qe5 82.Kd3 Rc6 83.Kd2 Qe2#; 72...g1Q* is a self mate. *73.Kb4 Ke4 74.Kc4 Qd4+ 75.Kb5 Kd5 76.Ka6 Qb2 77.Ka5 Kc6 78.Kxa4 Qb5#)* 73.Kc4 g1Q

(73...g1R 74.Kc5 Rc1+ 75.Kd6 Kf5 76.Kd7 e5 77.Ke7 e4 78.Kd7 e3 79.Kd6 e2 80.Ke7 e1Q+ 81.Kf7 Qe6+ 82.Kf8 Rc8+ 83.Kg7 Qg6#)
74.Kb5 Kd5 75.Kb4 Qd4+ 76.Kb5 Qb2+ 77.Kxa4 Kc6 78.Ka5 Qxa3#]

67.gxh6



Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.63. Loss on time!?

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76 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2844**
■ **Elektromagnit** **2665**
Blitz 26.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 Nf6
[4...e5 5.Nf3 exd4 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.0-0 Bc5 8.Ng5 0-0 9.Bxf7+ Rxf7 10.Nxf7 Qe7 11.e5 Qxf7 12.exf6 Be6 13.b4 Bb6 14.fxg7 Qxg7 15.Qe1 Qg6 16.Nd2 Maroczy-NN Caro-Kann - Maroczy Gambit 2023]
5.Nc3N
[5.e5 Nd5 *(5...Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Nd5 8.c4 Nc7 9.Nf3 e6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Bf4* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 Sidelines: 4...Nf6 #*)* 6.c4 Nb6 *(6...Nc7 7.Nc3 g6 8.Be3 Bg7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Nf3* V.C) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4...Nf6*)* 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.Nf3 e6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Ne4 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 Sidelines: 4...Nf6 #]

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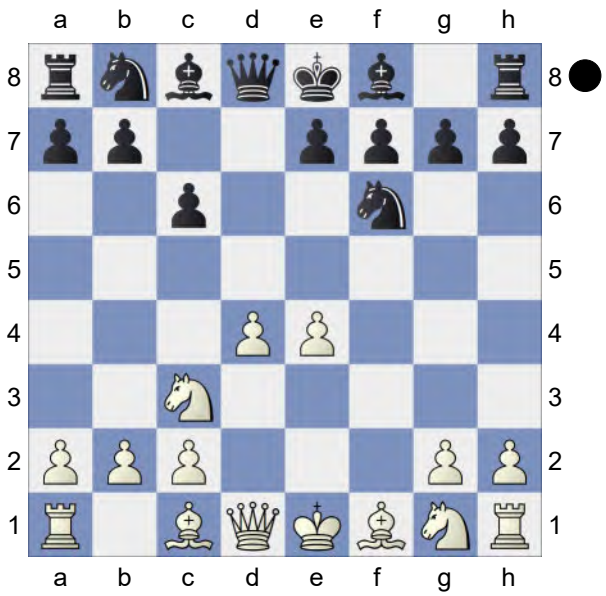
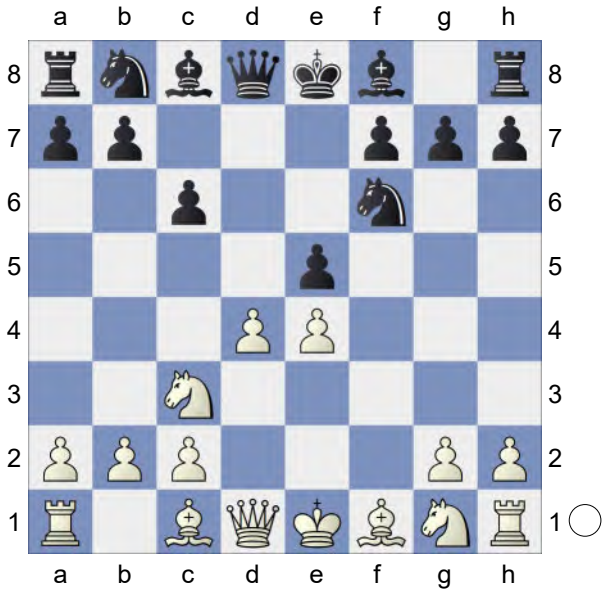


5...e5!



6.Nf3
[6.dxe5 Qxd1+]
6...exd4 7.Nxd4 -0.76/19
[7.Qxd4= -0.22/20 keeps the balance. Qxd4 8.Nxd4]
7...Bb4∓ 8.Qd3 Black is better. **8...c5** 0.29/19
[8...0-0∓ -0.69/17 9.Be2 Nbd7]
9.Nf3 Qxd3 10.Bxd3 Nc6

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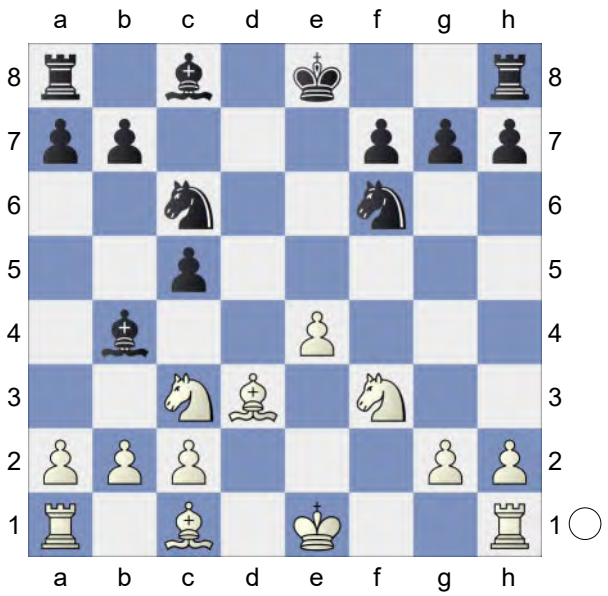
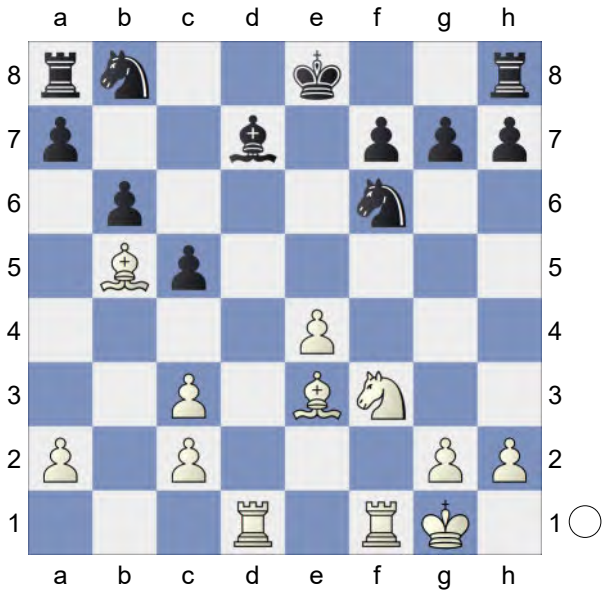
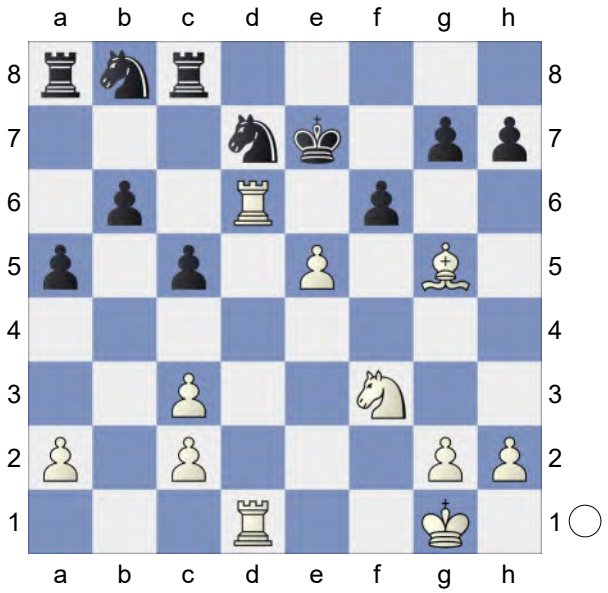


11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Be6 13.Be3 -0.30/19
[13.Ng5± 0.45/19]
13...b6 0.67/20
[13...c4= -0.30/19 14.Be2 Nxe4]
14.Bb5↑ White fights for an advantage.
14...Bd7 15.Rad1 Hoping for Rxd7!
15...Nb8 1.29/20
[Better is 15...Ne5± 0.51/18 16.Ba6 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Bh3]



16.Bxd7+ 0.34/20
[16.Bc4!± 1.29/20 And now Ng5 would win. b5 17.Be2]
16...Nfxd7 17.Rd6 Ke7 1.28/22
[17...0-0± 0.41/20]
18.Rfd1± Rc8 19.e5 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **19...a5** 1.77/20
[19...Ke8± 0.89/19 was called for.]
20.Bg5++- f6



21.exf6+ gxf6 22.Bf4 Rc6 2.52/22
[22...Re8 1.83/19 was necessary. 23.Nh4 h5]
23.R6d5 Re6 24.Bd6+ 1.44/24
[White should try 24.Nh4+- 2.74/22 Strongly threatening Rh5. Re4 25.Bxb8 Nxb8 26.Rh5]
24...Kf7± 25.Bxb8 Nxb8

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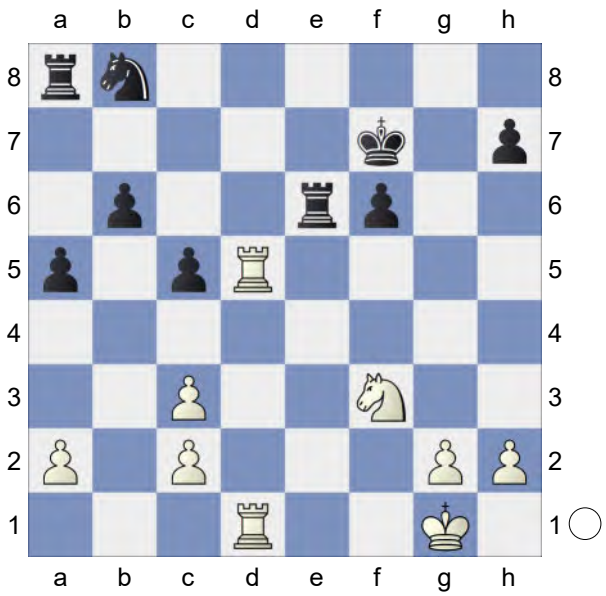
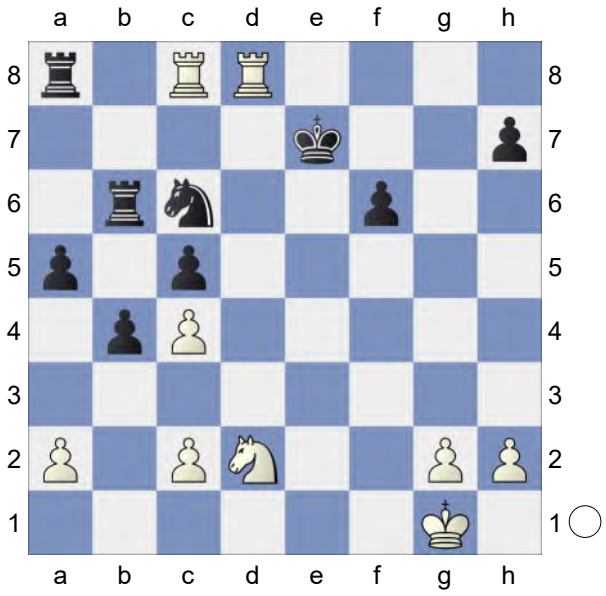


26.Rd8 b5 2.23/21
[26...Re8± 1.49/20]
27.Rc8+- Rb6 28.Rdd8 b4 29.c4
[Don't take 29.Rxc5 Rb7 30.Rcc8 bxc3+-]
29...Ke7 30.Nd2 Nc6? 8.59/23
[30...a4 3.16/21 31.Rh8 h5 32.Rh7+ *(32.Rxh5 Kf7+-; 32.Rxc5 Nd7+-)* 32...Ke6 33.Re8+ *(33.Rxh5 Ra5+-)* 33...Kf5 34.Rxh5+ Kg6]



31.Re8+

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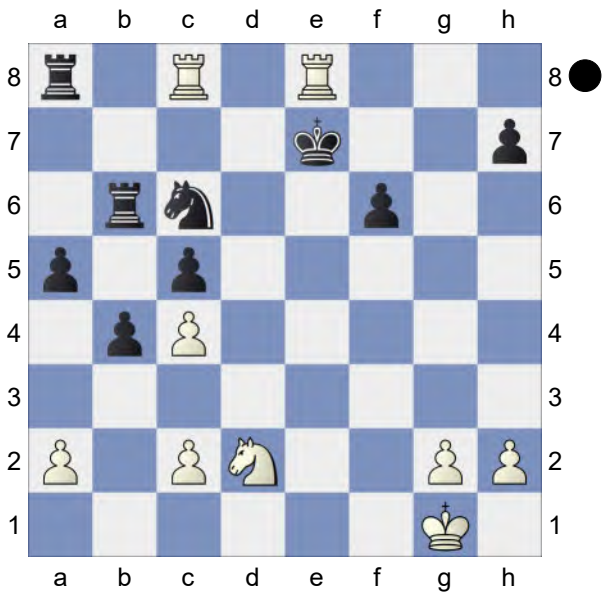

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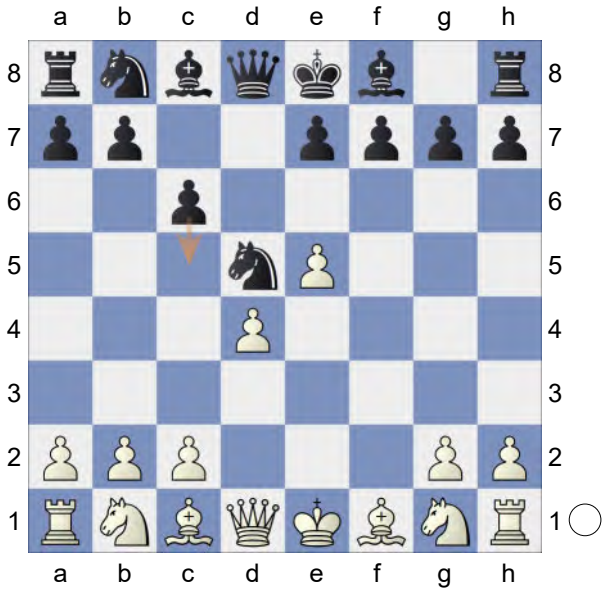
77 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2849**
■ **Elektromagnit** **2659**
Blitz 26.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5



6.c4 Nb6 7.Nc3 g6N
[7...Bf5 8.Nf3 e6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Ne4 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 Sidelines: 4...Nf6 #]
8.Bg5 White is slightly better. **8...Bg7 9.Qd2 h6 10.Bf4 Bf5**

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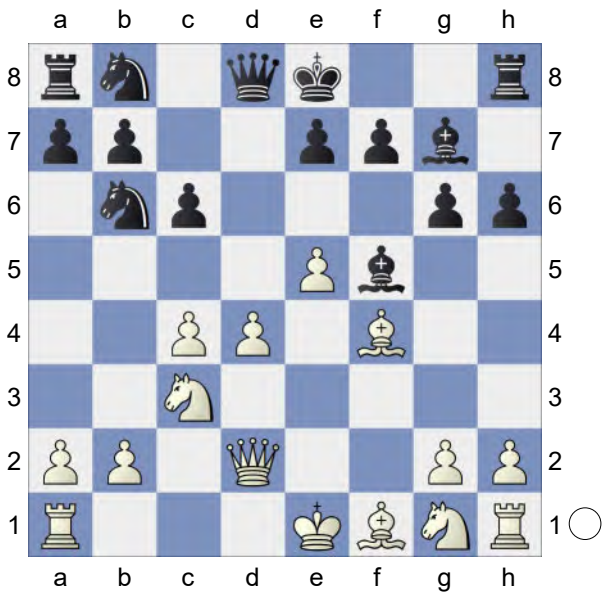
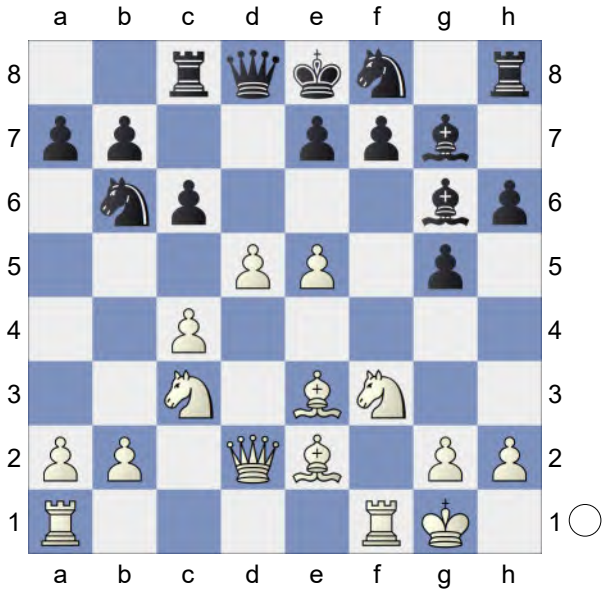
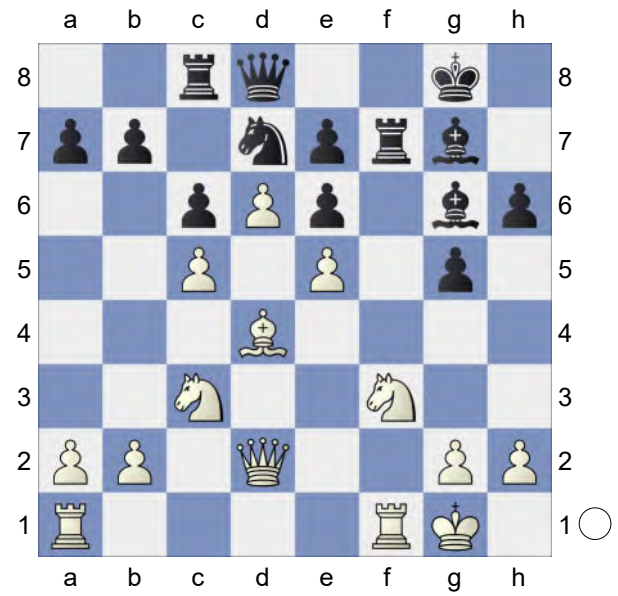


11.Nf3 N8d7 12.Be2 Nf8 13.0-0 g5 14.Be3 Bg6 15.d5 Rc8



16.d6 0.77/19
[White should try 16.Rad1 1.37/16]
16...Ne6 17.c5 Nd7 18.Bc4 0-0 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Bd4 -0.16/18
[20.Qe2± 0.45/18]
20...Rf7 0.51/17
[20...exd6= -0.16/18 21.exd6 *(21.cxd6? g4∓)* 21...e5]

(Diagram)



21.h4 -0.76/20
[21.Rae1± 0.51/17]
21...g4!∓ 22.Nh2 h5 1.03/21
[22...g3∓ -0.64/19 stays ahead. 23.Ng4 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 exd6]
23.Qg5 0.58/22
[23.Rxf7± 1.03/21 Bxf7 24.Ne4]
23...Qe8 0.97/20 **24.Rxf7±**
[24.Qxg6? Rxf1+ 25.Nxf1 Qxg6-+]
24...Qxf7 1.19/20
[24...Bxf7± 0.56/21 25.Rf1 *(25.dxe7 Bg6±)* 25...Kh7]
25.b4 0.01/21
[25.Qxe7 Qxe7 *(25...Bxe5 26.Qxf7+ Kxf7 27.Rf1+ Bf6 28.Bxf6=)* 26.dxe7 Nxe5= *(26...Bxe5 27.Rd1∓)*]
[25.dxe7 Qf5 26.Re1 Qxg5 *(26...Re8 27.Qd2±)* 27.hxg5 Re8=]
[White must play 25.Rf1± 1.19/20 Qe8 26.dxe7 *(26.Qxe7 Qxe7 27.dxe7 Nxe5∓)*]
25...Kh7 0.43/21
[25...exd6= 0.01/21 26.Rf1 *(26.cxd6 Qf5=)* 26...Bf5 27.exd6 *(27.cxd6 Qg6=)* 27...Qg6 28.Qxg6 Bxg6 29.Bxg7 Kxg7]

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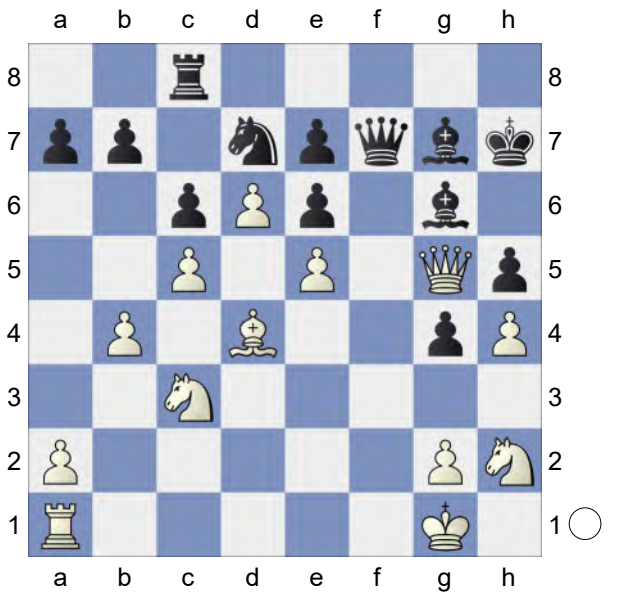
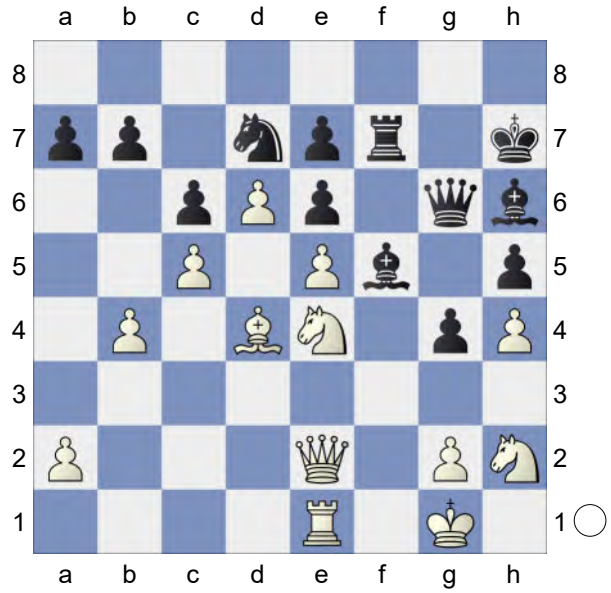
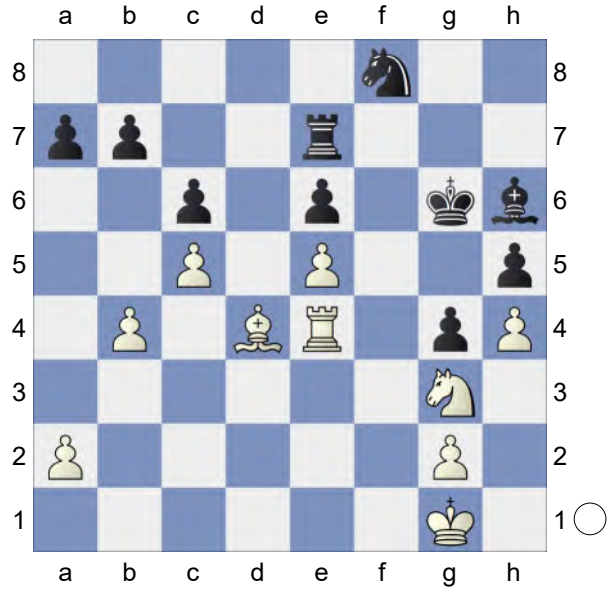


26.Rf1±
[26.dxe7 Bh6 27.Rf1 Qg7-+ *(27...Bxg5 28.Rxf7+ Bxf7 29.e8B-+; 27...Qe8? 28.Be3-+)*]
[26.Qxe7 Qxe7 *(26...Nxe5 27.Qxf7* Deflection *Bxf7 28.Ne4±)* 27.dxe7 Nxe5= *(27...Bxe5 28.Bxe5 Nxe5 29.Re1±; 27...Re8 28.Re1∓)*]
26...Bf5 27.Qe3
[27.Qxe7 Qxe7 28.dxe7 Re8± *(28...Nxe5 29.Ne4=)*]
[27.Ne4 keeps more tension. Bh6 28.dxe7 Bxg5 29.Nxg5+ Kg7 30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Rd1]
27...Bh6 28.Qe2 -0.16/19
[28.Qe1± 0.58/17]
28...Rf8 0.74/20
[28...Qg6= -0.16/19]
29.Ne4!± Qg6 1.13/20
[⌓29...exd6 0.76/19 30.exd6 *(30.cxd6 Qg6=)* 30...Qg6]
30.Re1? -0.93/22 White has more active pieces.
[30.dxe7± 1.13/20 is forced if you want to stay better. Bxe4 31.exf8Q *(31.exf8B Bxf8 32.Re1 Bd5+-)* 31...Bxf8 32.Re1]
30...Rf7 0.40/18

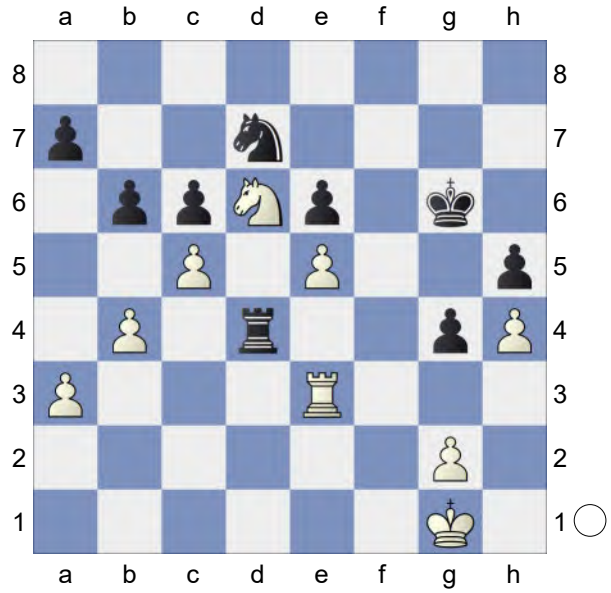
[Better is 30...Bxe4!∓ -0.93/22 31.dxe7 *(31.Qxe4 Bd2∓)* 31...Rf4]



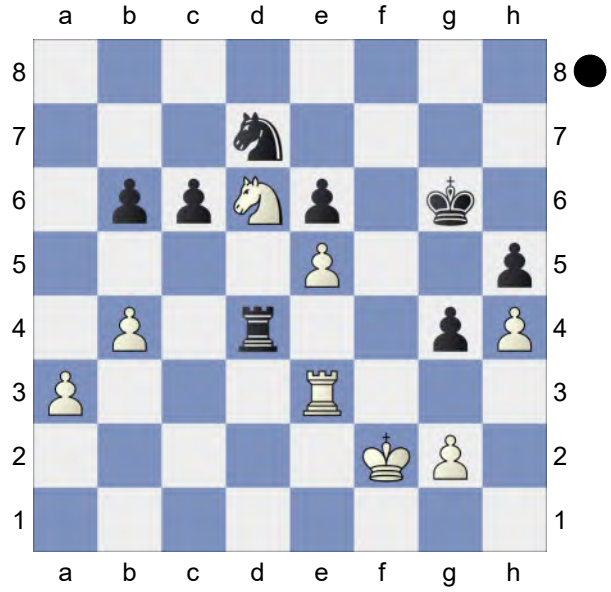
31.dxe7± Rxe7 32.Nf1 0.01/22
[32.Nd6± 0.74/21]
32...Bxe4= 33.Qxe4 Qxe4 34.Rxe4 Kg6 35.Ng3 Nf8



36.Be3 Bxe3+ 37.Rxe3∓ Endgame. KRN-KRN **37...Rd7 38.Ne4** -0.64/22
[38.Kf2= -0.28/18 was preferrable.]
38...Rd4 39.a3 Nd7 40.Nd6 b6 -0.12/21
[40...a5∓ -0.75/23 41.Rb3 axb4 *(41...Nxe5 42.bxa5 Rd1+ 43.Kf2±)* 42.Rxb4 Rd5]



41.cxb6 -0.53/21
[41.Nc8= -0.12/21 is more appropriate.]
41...axb6 42.Kf2



Nxe5 0.01/21 **43.Rxe5= Rxd6∓** KR-KR **44.Rg5+ Kh6 45.Ke3** Prevents Rd2.
45...Rd5? 12.79/24
[45...c5= -0.01/23]

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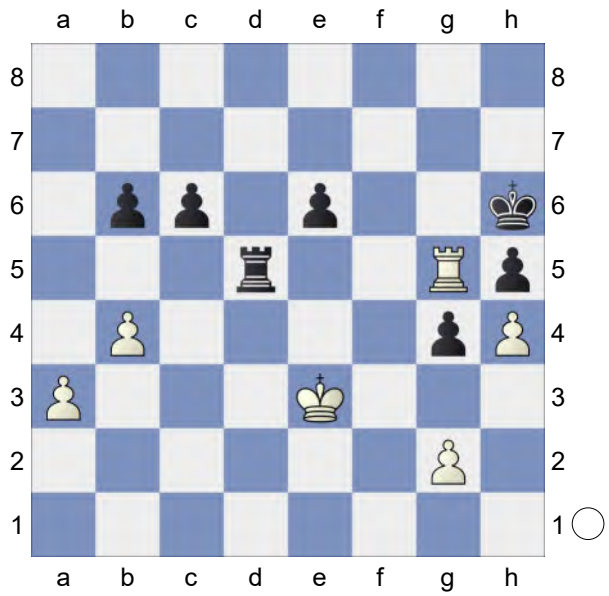
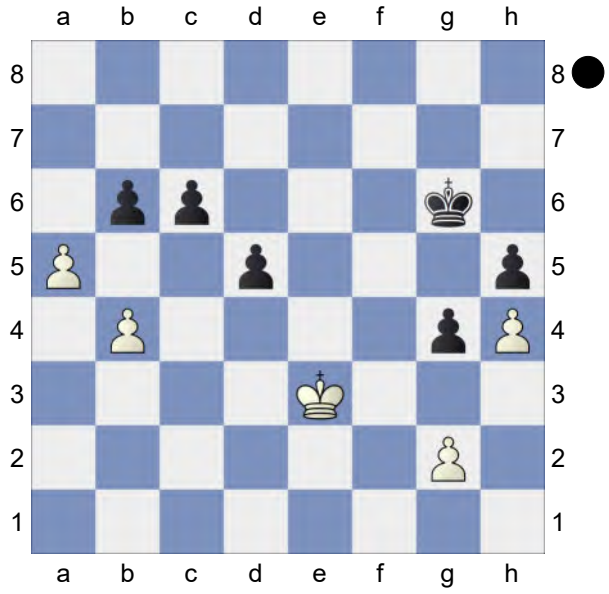


46.Rxd5!+- White is clearly winning. **46...exd5 47.a4** Threatening mate with a5. **47...Kg6 48.a5**



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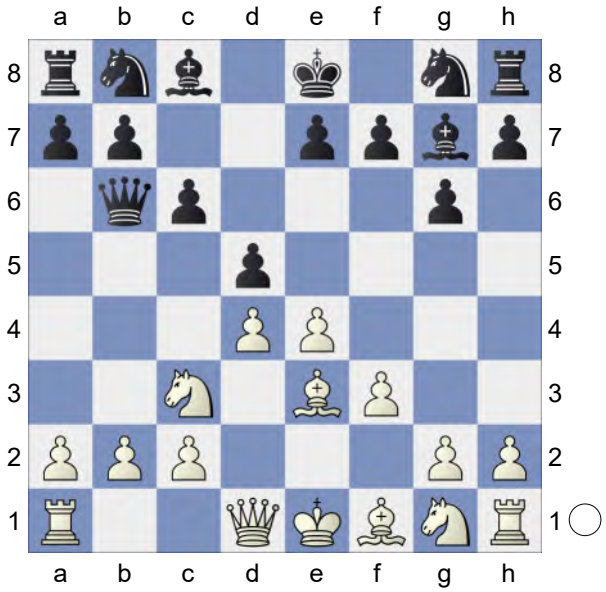
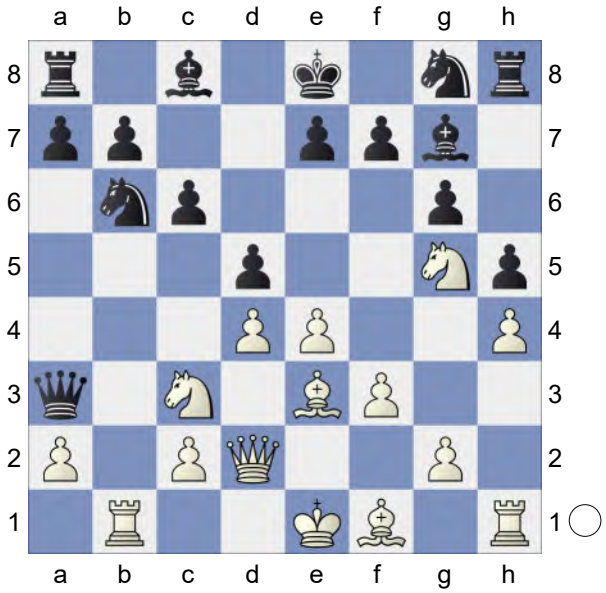
78 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2842**
■ **Peradetlic83** **2702**
Blitz 28.11.2020
[Kitty Kat]

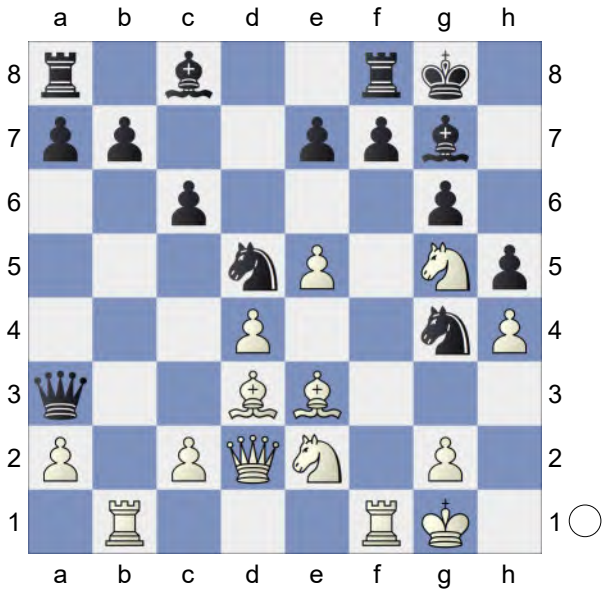
Blitz 3min
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Qb6



6.Qd2 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.h4
[8.Bd3 e6 9.Nge2 b6 10.Rb3 Qd6 11.h4 h5 12.e5 Qd7 13.g4 Ba6 14.gxh5 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Rxh5 16.Ng3 Rh8 17.h5 Qe7 18.Nce2 Nd7 19.c4 f5 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Nf4 Nf8 22.Rc3 Qd7 1-0 (29) 6.♗c4 ♗f5 7.♘e2 ♘d7_5 (2633)-Tran,T (2477) Magnus Carlsen Inv KO 2021 (8)]
8...h5 9.Nh3 Nd7N
[9...e6 10.Nf4 b6 11.g4 Ba6 12.gxh5 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 gxh5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Rg1 Qf8 16.Qd3 Nf6 17.a4 Kd8 18.Na2 Bh6 19.c4 dxc4 20.Qxc4 Qd6 21.d5 Re8 22.Ne6+ fxe6 23.Bxh6 exd5 24.Qd4 (32) Warm Up-Kaido Kulaots Vs Felix Levin]
10.Ng5 The position is equal. **10...Nb6**



11.Bd3 Nh6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ne2 -0.46/19
[13.Rb3= -0.02/17 Qd6 14.Rbb1]
13...dxe4∓ 14.fxe4 Ng4 15.e5 Nd5
[15...Qxa2? 16.Nc3 Qa5 17.Ra1+-]



16.Bf4 e6 0.01/18
[16...c5∓ -0.50/17]
17.Rf3 Qe7 18.Rbf1 -0.48/17
[18.c3= -0.01/17]
18...b5 -0.01/16

[18...c5∓ -0.48/17 19.Bg3 *(19.c4 Nxf4 20.Rxf4 Nh6=)* 19...Nh6]

19.Bg3 -0.39/19

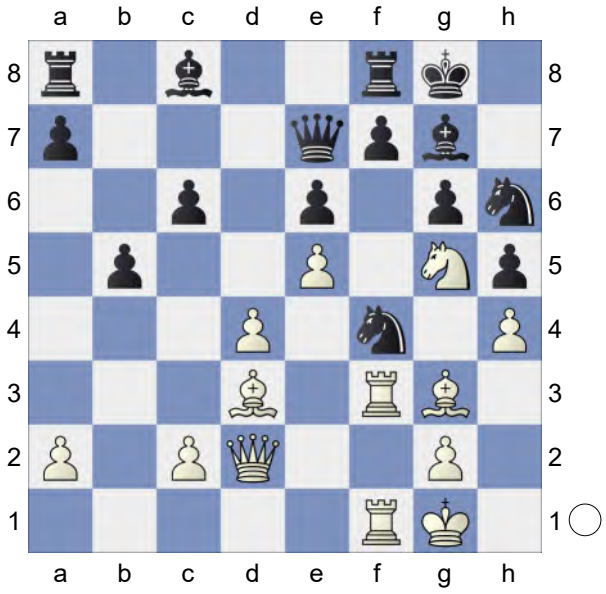
[19.Qe1= -0.01/16]

19...Nh6 0.01/18

[19...Bh6∓ -0.39/19]

20.Nf4= Nxf4

[20...Bd7 is interesting. 21.Bxg6 fxg6 22.Nxg6 Qb4]



21.Qxf4 -1.01/18

[21.Bxf4= 0.10/19 keeps the balance. Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Rc3]

21...Nf5 -0.34/19

[21...Bb7∓ -1.01/18 Threatens to win with ...c5. 22.Ne4 c5]

22.Bf2 c5 23.Be4 -0.50/19

[23.Bxb5? cxd4 *(23...Bb7 24.Rb3∓)* 24.Bxd4 Bb7∓]

[23.dxc5= -0.01/19 is more appropriate. Bb7 24.Rh3]

23...Bb7 -0.13/20

[23...Rb8∓ -0.50/19 was preferrable. 24.dxc5 Qc7]

24.dxc5 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Bh6

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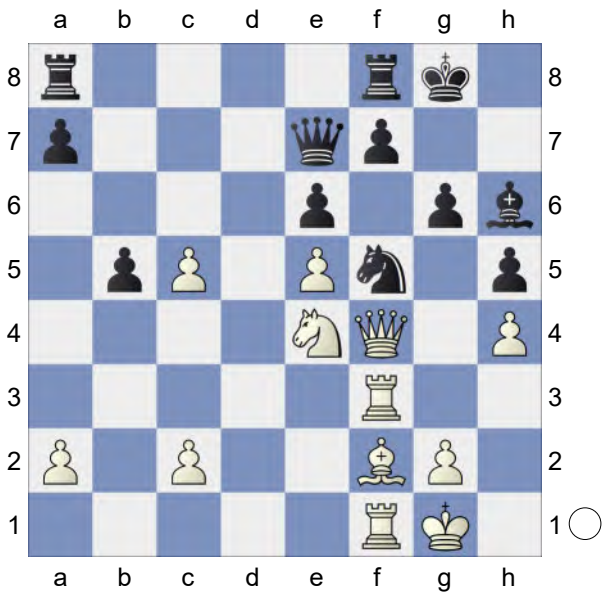
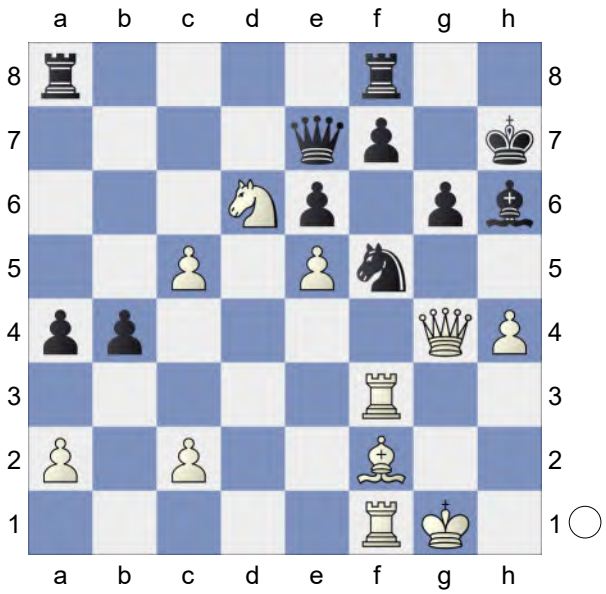


26.Qh2 b4 27.Nd6 a5 28.Qh3 a4 29.g4 hxg4 30.Qxg4 Kh7 1.31/18

[⌓30...Bg7 0.74/17]



31.Qxb4± Rfb8 32.Qg4 1.04/16

[Better is 32.Qe4 1.42/17]

32...Rb2 33.Kh1 0.56/18

[33.Qe4± 1.29/18 Ra6 34.c6]

33...Qd7 1.29/19

[33...Rab8!± 0.56/18]

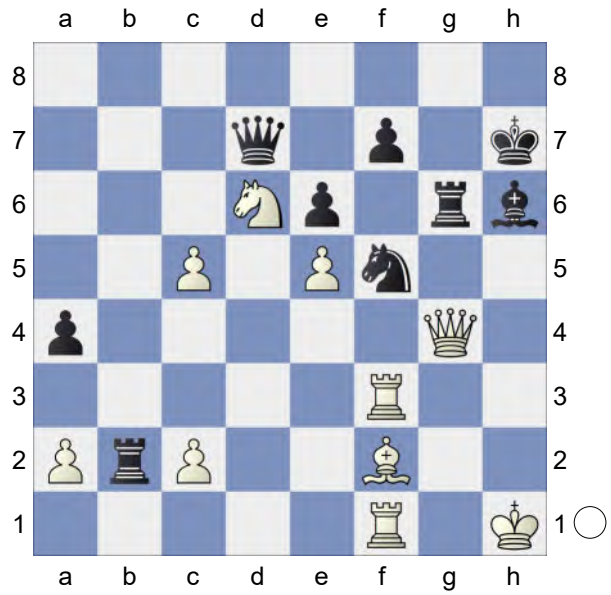
34.h5 Rg8 2.22/19

[34...Rxa2± 1.60/17 35.hxg6+ fxg6]

35.hxg6+ 1.17/19

[35.Ne4+- 2.22/19 And now Nf6+ would win. Qb5 36.Rg1]

35...Rxg6



36.Qh3 -0.01/19

[36.Qe4± 1.45/20]

36...Rxc2

[36...Rxa2 37.Rg1 a3 *(37...Rxc2 38.Be3±)* 38.Be3 Nxe3 *(38...Rxc2? 39.Nxf5+-; 38...Rxg1+ 39.Kxg1 Ra1+ 40.Kf2=)* 39.Rxf7+±]

37.Nxf5 exf5 38.Rxf5? -4.11/20

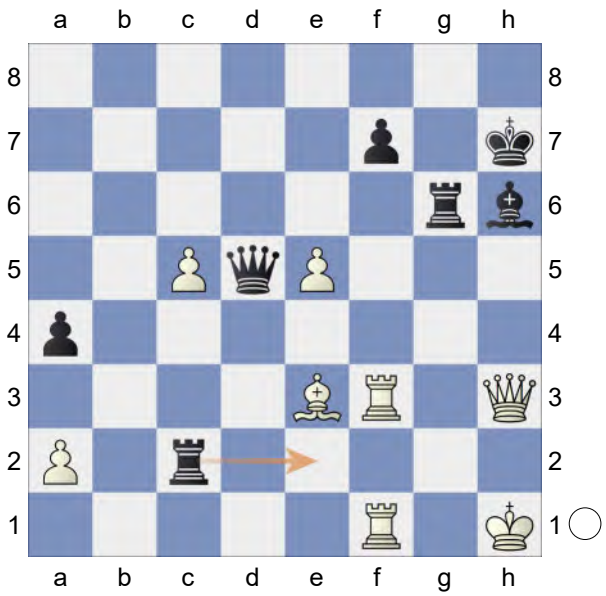
[38.Qxf5= -0.01/19 Qxf5 39.Rxf5]

38...Rg5? 0.01/23

[38...Rc3-+ -4.11/20 39.Bg3 *(39.Qxc3 Qxf5 40.Kh2 Qh5+ 41.Qh3 Bf4+; 39.Rxf7+? Qxf7-+)* 39...Kg8 *(39...Rgxg3? 40.Rxf7+ Kg8 41.Qxd7+-; 39...Qd5+? 40.Kh2-+)*]

39.Be3 Qd5+ 40.R5f3 Rg6

(Diagram)

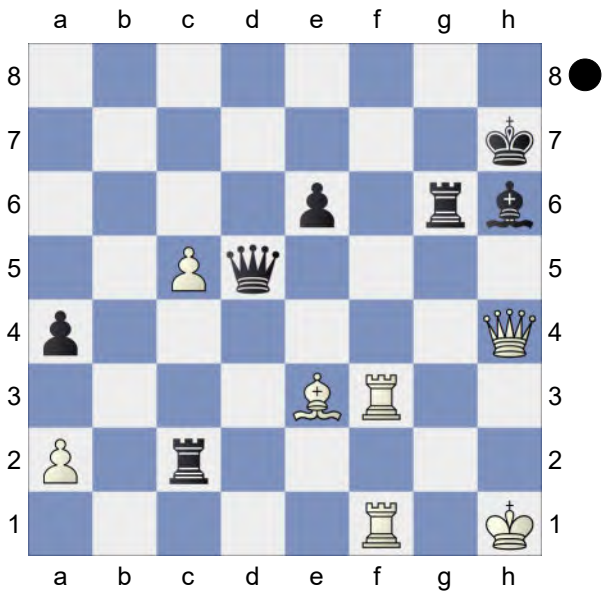


Chess con chili. **41.e6?** -1.31/22 **fxe6** -0.16/20 Black has more active pieces.

[41...Rxe6∓ -1.31/22 42.Bf2 Re5 *(42...Rxa2 43.Qf5+ Qxf5 44.Rxf5∓)*]

42.Qh4? -7.28/21

[42.Rg1= -0.16/20 Rf6 *(42...Rxa2? 43.Rxg6+-)* 43.Rgg3]

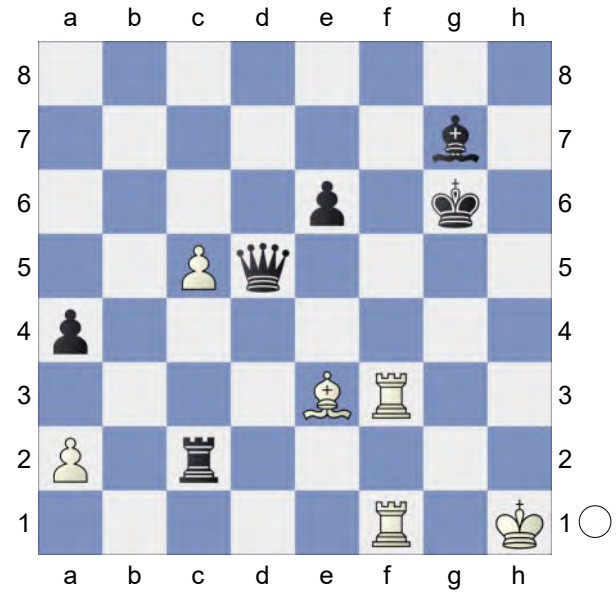


42...Kg8? -0.11/23 **43.Qe7?** -#3/8 **Bg7** -7.29/24

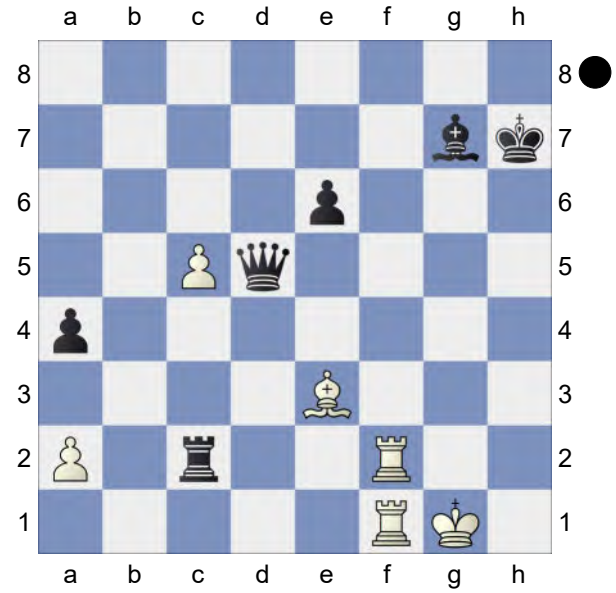
[⌓43...Qh5+ -#3/8 44.Qh4 Qxh4+ 45.Rh3 Qxh3#]

44.Qf7+ Kh7 (-> ...Qh5+) **45.Qxg6+**

Kxg6



46.Kg1 Kh7 47.R3f2

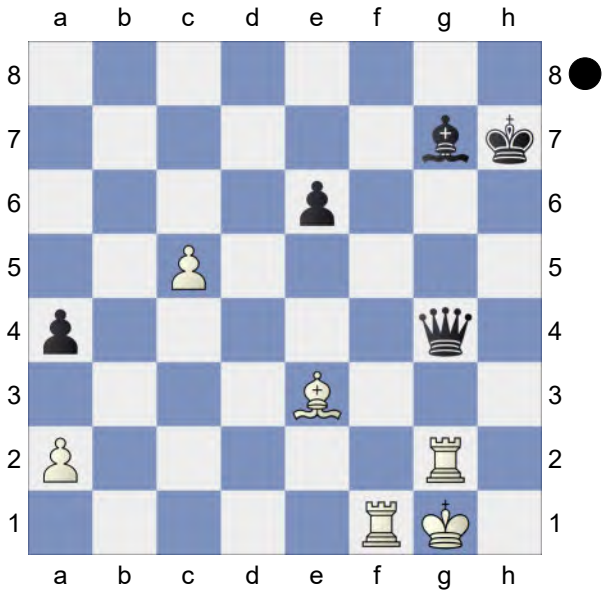


Qh5? -0.01/21 **48.Rxc2=** Strongly threatening Rh2. **48...Qg4+**

[48...Qg6+ feels hotter. 49.Rg2 Qe4 50.Rh2+ Kg8]

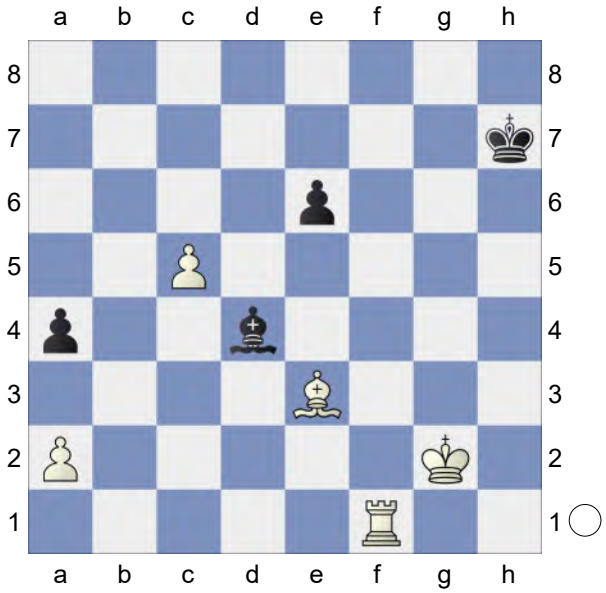
49.Rg2

(Diagram)



Qxg2+ 10.60/5 **50.Kxg2+-**

White threatens c6 and mate. **50...Bd4**

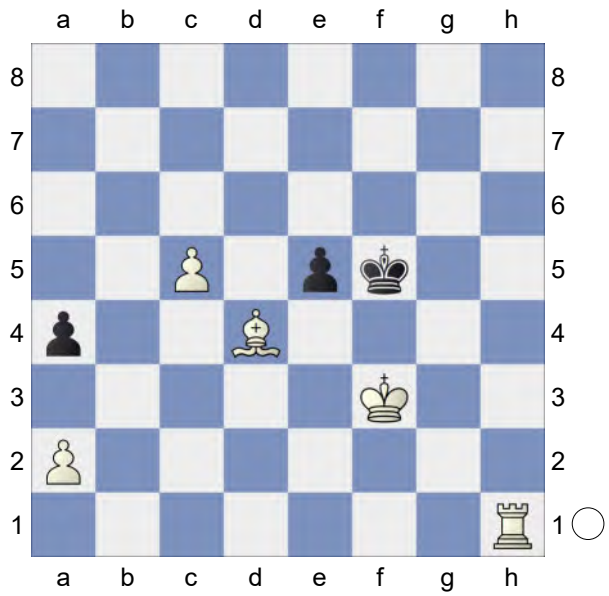


51.Kf3 20.39/23

[⌓51.Bxd4 #7/16 Kh6 52.c6 Kg6 53.c7 Kh7 54.c8Q *(54.c8B e5 55.Bxe5 Kg6 56.Be6 Kh6 57.Bf5 Kg5 58.a3 Kh6 59.Bf6 Kh5 60.Rh1#)* 54...a3 55.Qh8+ Kg6 56.Qg8+ Kh6 57.Rh1#]

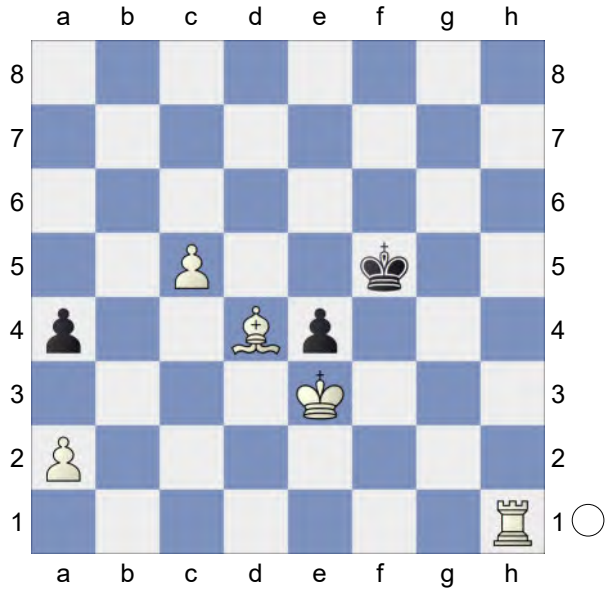
51...e5 52.Rh1+ White mates. **52...Kg6 53.Bxd4 Kf5**

(Diagram)



54.Ke3! e4

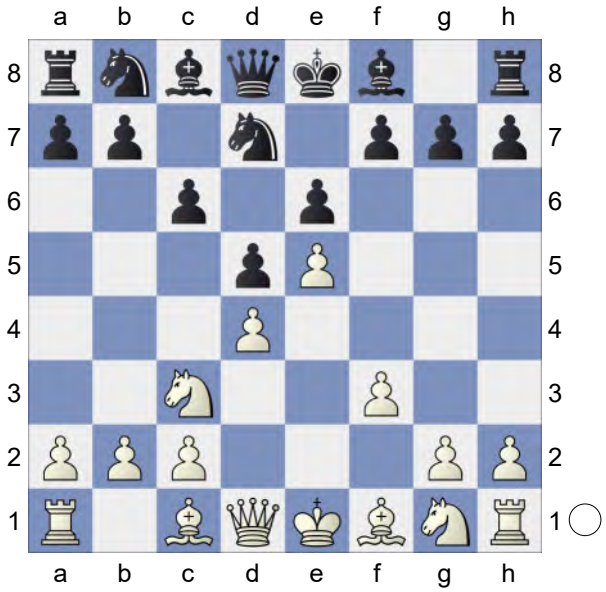
[54...exd4+ 55.Kxd4]



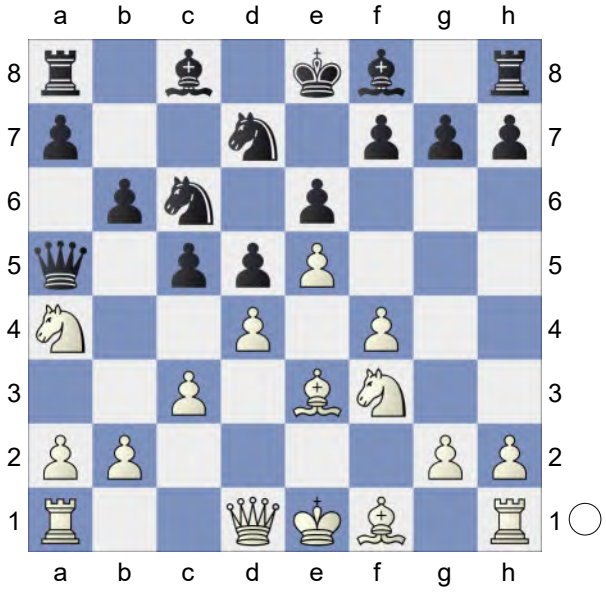
White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.98. Loss on time!?
0-1

79 **C11**
□ **Yarebore** **2890**
■ **Fakebrucelee** **2657**
Blitz 17.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

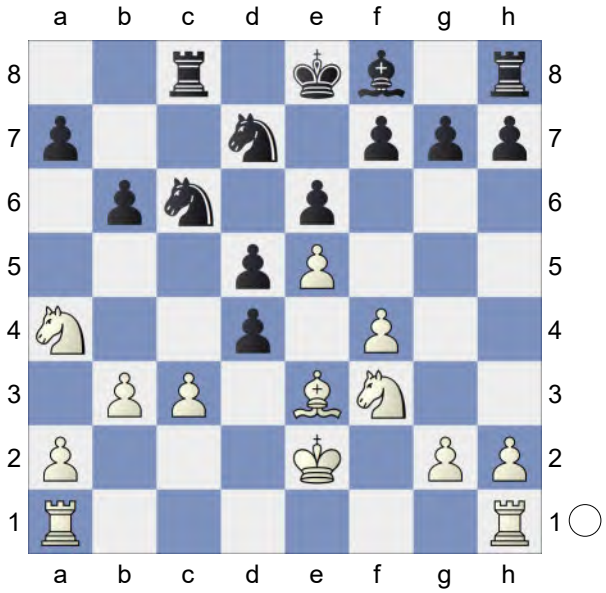
Blitz 3min
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



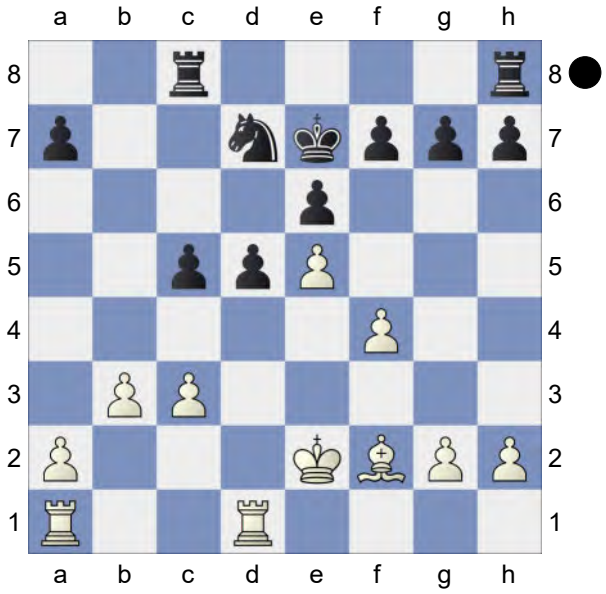
6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 Qb6
[8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]
9.Na4 Qa5+ 10.c3 b6N 0.10/16
[10...cxd4∓ -0.38/19 deserves consideration. 11.b4 Qc7 12.Nxd4 a6 *(12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 a6 14.Be2 Be7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Nb2 b5 17.a4 bxa4 18.Rxa4 Bb7 19.Bf3 g6 20.Qd2 a5 21.Rfa1 axb4 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Rxa8+ Bxa8 24.cxb4 Qb7 25.Nd3 Qa6 26.Be2 Qa4 27.Qc3 - (54) Vittiglio,G (2216)-8.d5 ♖b8 9.♕e1_63263 (2406) Antalya 90/(24) 2004 (7))*]



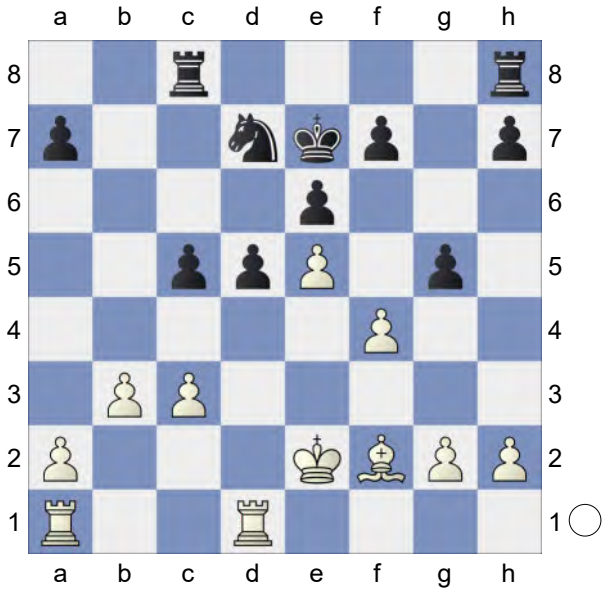
11.Be2
[11.Bd2!? c4□ 12.b4 Nxb4 13.cxb4 Bxb4 14.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 15.Ke2= *(15.Kf2 b5=)*]
11...Ba6 12.Bxa6 Qxa6 13.b3
The position is equal. **13...Rc8 14.Qe2 Qxe2+ 15.Kxe2 cxd4**



16.Nxd4 Nxd4+ 17.Bxd4 Bc5 18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.Bf2 Ke7 20.Rhd1

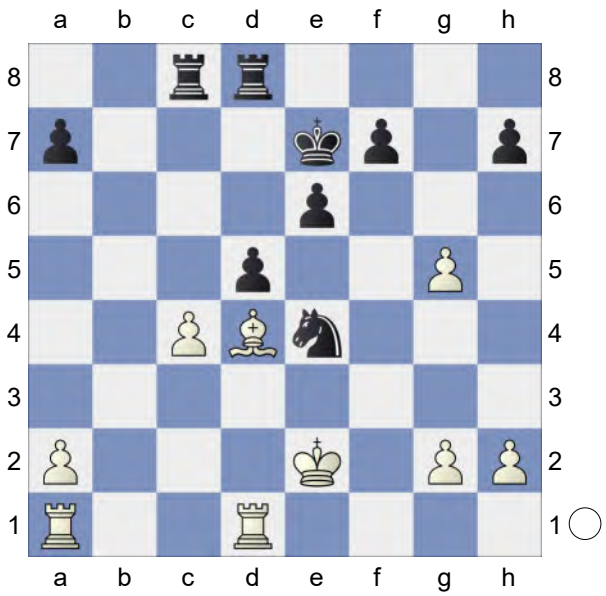


g5!

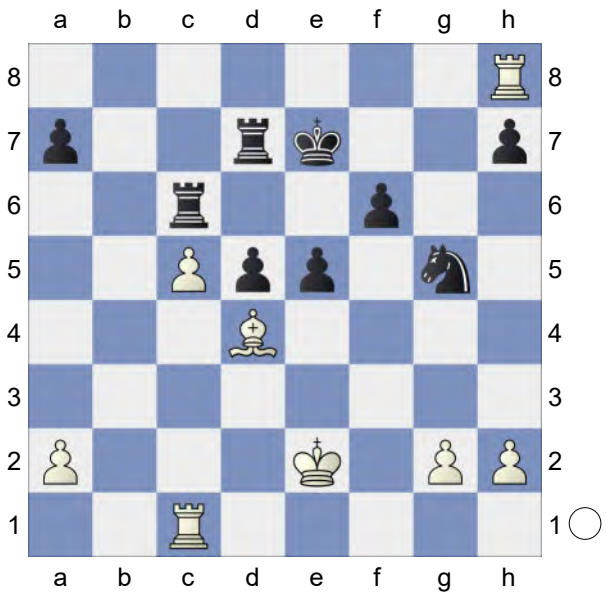


Deflection **21.fxg5**
[21.g3 a5]
21...Nxe5 22.b4! Nd7 23.bxc5 Nxc5 24.c4 Ne4↑ Black is more active.
25.Bd4 Wards off Nc3+ **25...Rhd8**

(Diagram)

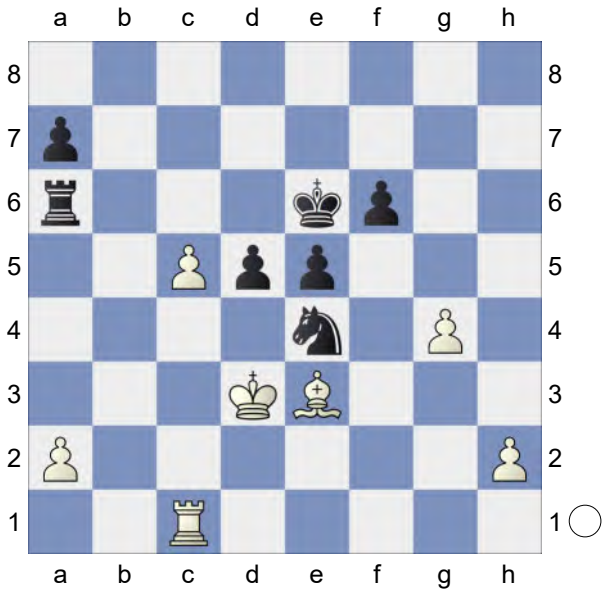


26.c5 -1.04/18
[White should play 26.cxd5∓ -0.41/19 Rxd5 27.Ke3 Nxg5 28.Rac1 Rxc1 *(28...Rxd4? 29.Kxd4 Re8 30.Rc7+ Kf6 31.Ke3+-)* 29.Rxc1]
26...Nxg5∓ Black is more active.
[26...Nxc5 27.Bf6+ Kd6 28.Bxd8 Rxd8 29.h4±]
27.Rab1 -1.59/20
[⌓27.Rd3 -1.18/19]
27...Rd7 28.Rdc1 Rc6 29.Rb8 f6! 30.Rh8 e5

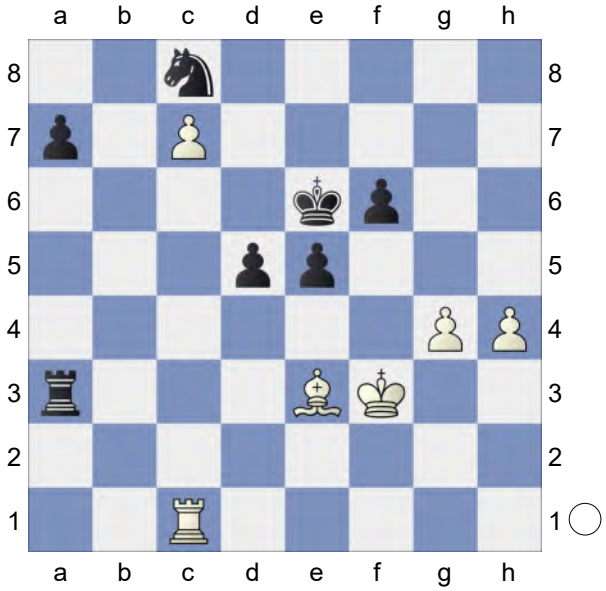


31.Be3 Ne4 32.Rxh7+ Ke6 33.Rxd7

Kxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRN **34.Kd3** -2.79/22 Wards off d4
[34.h4∓ -1.59/20 was called for.]
34...Ke6? -1.09/20
[34...Ra6-+ -2.79/22 is more deadly. aiming for ...Ra3+. 35.c6+ Kc7 *(35...Rxc6 36.Rxc6 Kxc6 37.Bxa7=)*]
35.g4 Ra6



36.c6 Ra3+
[36...Rxa2? 37.c7 Ra3+ *(37...Rxh2 38.c8Q+ Kd6 39.Qc7+ Ke6 40.Rc6+)* 38.Ke2 Nc3+ 39.Kd2 Ne4+ 40.Kd1 Nc3+ *(40...Rxe3 41.c8Q+ Kf7 42.Rc7+ Kg6 43.Qg8+ Kh6 44.Rh7#; 40...Nd6? 41.Bc5+-)* 41.Kc2+-]
37.Ke2 Rxa2+ -0.59/21
[37...d4?! 38.Bd2 Nd6 *(38...Rxa2? 39.c7+-)* 39.c7=]
[37...Nc3+∓ -1.13/22 38.Kf1 d4 *(38...Nxa2? 39.c7+-)*]
38.Kf3∓ Strongly threatening c7.
38...Nd6!
[38...Rxh2? 39.c7 Nd6 *(39...Rh3+? 40.Kg2+-)* 40.Rc6+- *(40.c8Q+ Nxc8 41.Rxc8 Rh3+ 42.Kf2 d4=)*]
39.c7 Black must now prevent Rc6.
39...Nc8 0.01/19
[39...Rxh2? 40.Rc6 *(40.c8Q+ Nxc8 41.Rxc8 Rh3+ 42.Kf2 d4∓)* 40...Rh3+ 41.Kf2+-]
[39...Kd7!∓ -0.65/21 40.g5 fxg5 *(40...Rxh2 41.Bc5=)*]
40.h4= Ra3



Threatens to win with ...d4. **41.Ke2 d4**
42.Bf2 Kd5 43.h5 -0.93/17
[43.Be1= -0.18/19]
43...Ke4 0.53/19
[43...Rh3∓ -0.93/17]
44.Kf1 0.01/20
[44.Be1± 0.53/19]
44...Kf3? 7.38/21
[44...Kf4= 0.01/20]
45.h6+- h7 is the strong threat.
45...Kxg4

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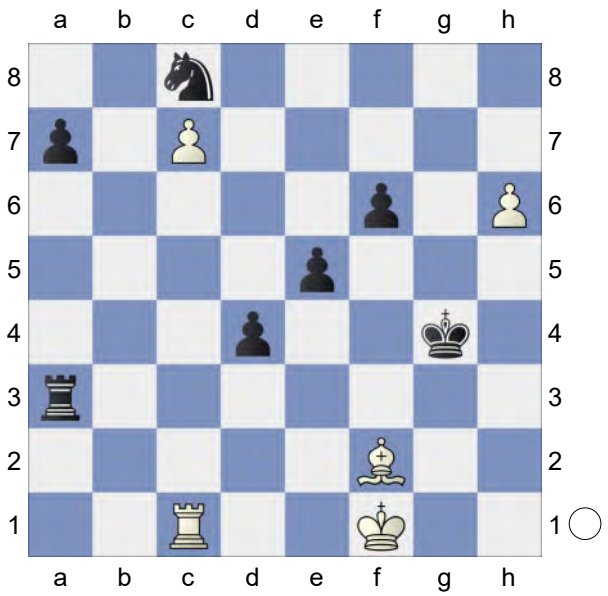
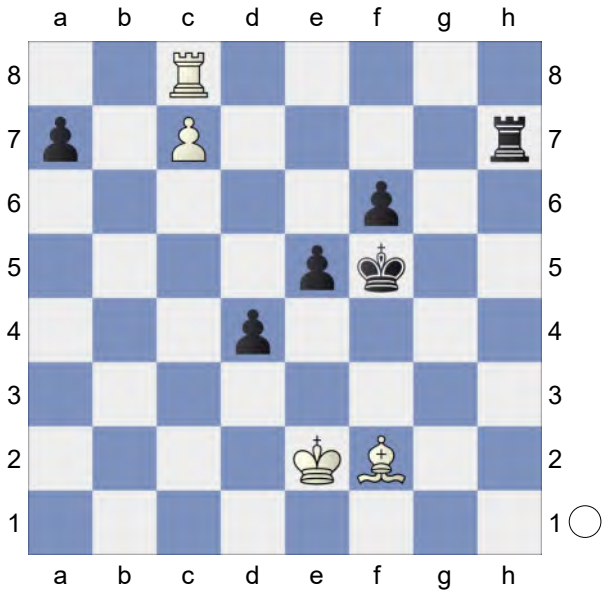
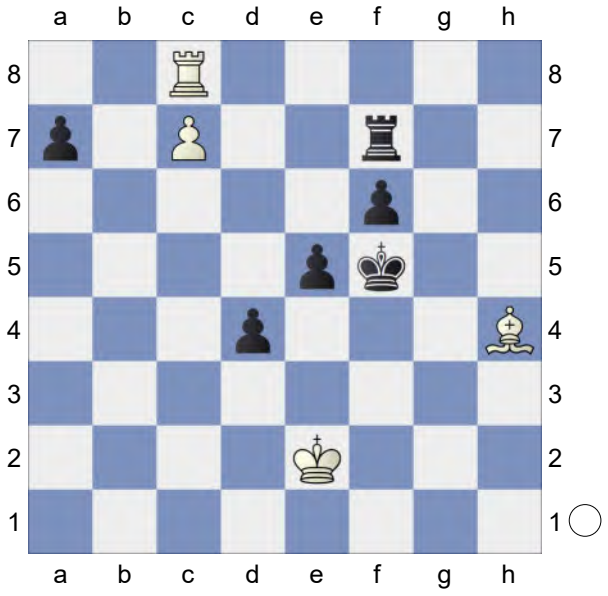


46.Ke2? 1.86/18
[46.h7 Rh3 47.Ke2 Rxh7-+]
[46.Kg2 7.15/22 Rh1 would now be deadly. Rh3 47.Rh1 Rxh6 48.Rxh6]
46...Rh3 2.88/22 Wards off Rh1
[⌓46...Ra2+ 1.86/18 47.Kf1 Ra3 *(47...Kf3? 48.h7+-)*]
47.Rg1+ Kf5 48.Rg8 Rxh6? 4.20/19
[48...Nb6 2.05/20 was necessary.]
49.Rxc8 Intending Rg8 and mate. KRB-KR **49...Rh7**



50.Bh4? 1.25/22 **Rf7?** 6.57/21
[50...Rxh4± 1.25/22 51.Rf8 Rh2+ 52.Kf1 Rh1+ 53.Kf2 Rh2+ 54.Kg1 Rc2 55.c8Q+ Rxc8 56.Rxc8 Kf4]



51.Bxf6?? -5.27/22 **Kxf6** KR-KR
[51...Rxf6? loses. 52.Rd8 Rc6 53.c8Q+ *(53.c8B+ Kf6=; 53.c8R Ra6+-)* 53...Rxc8 54.Rxc8+-]
52.Kd3 Kf5 53.Kc4 -8.80/23
[⌓53.Rh8 -5.07/24 Rxc7 54.Rf8+ Kg4 55.Ke4]
53...Ke4-+ 54.Kb3 d3 55.Kb2 Ke3 -5.27/20
[⌓55...Rd7 -12.66/22 (-> ...d2) 56.Kc1 Ke3]

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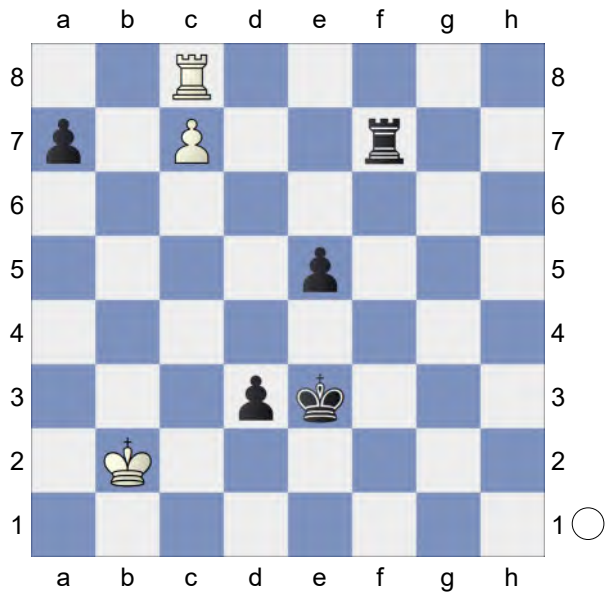
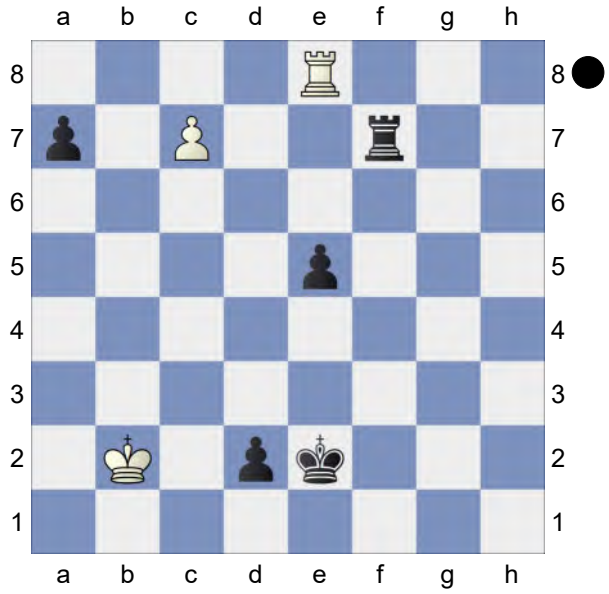


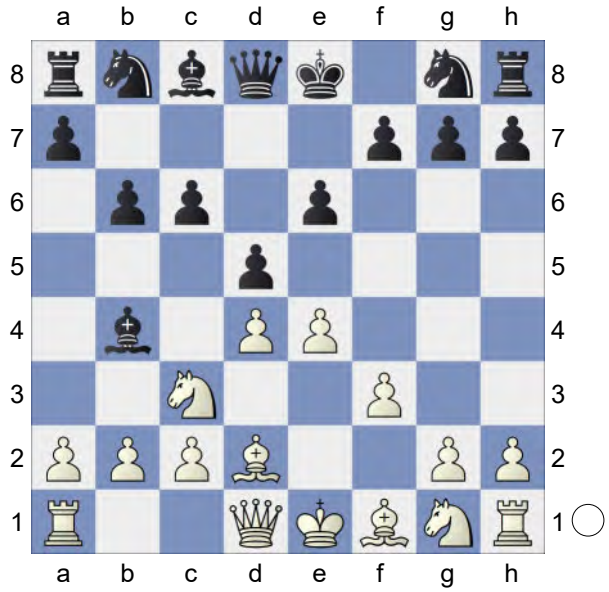
56.Kc1 Ke2 57.Kb2 d2 58.Re8



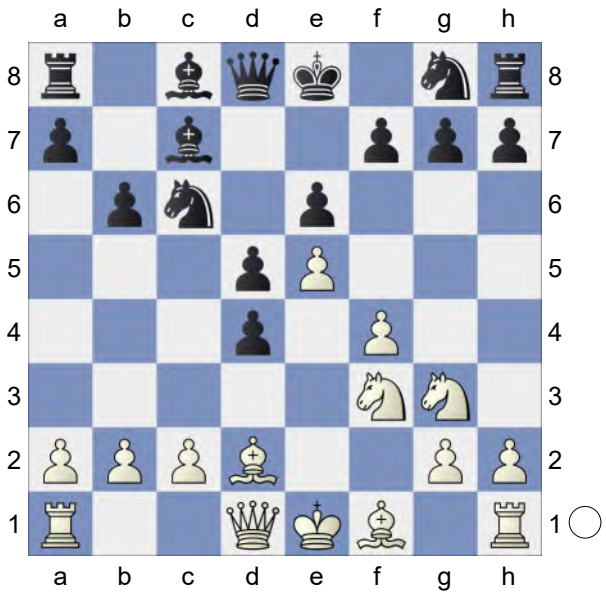
Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.60
0-1

80 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2856**
■ **Federtiu** **2671**
Blitz 19.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 b6
[5...Ne7 6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.b4 Bb6 10.Na4 e5 11.c3 Bc7 12.0-0 Ng6 13.Qc2 Bd6 14.Ng3 Nf6 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.c4 Ndf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Nf5 Bc7 19.Rad1 a5 20.d5 1-0 (55) Just,W (2690)-Ermeni,A (2570) 8.c3 h6 9.h3]



6.Nce2 Bd6N
[6...Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Ba6 8.0-0-0 Ne7 9.h4 Nd7 10.h5 h6 11.e5 c5 12.f4 Qc7 13.Nf3 Bxe2 14.Bxe2 c4 15.Nh4 b5 16.Bg4 Rb8 17.f5 Nf8 18.fxe6 Nxe6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Rdf1 b4 21.Ng6 1-0 (27) Landenbergue,C (2643)-Hamoushi,M (2562) Chapter 5 Game 14 Nxg6 22.hxg6 Qa5 23.Qf4 Rb7 24.Rxh6 Rxh6 25.Qf8+ Kd7 26.Qd6+ Kc8 27.Rf8+ 1-0 Zvjaginsev,V (2643)-Grigoriants,S (2562) 108/195 Rijeka 2010]
7.e5 Bc7 8.f4 White is slightly better.
8...c5 9.Ng3 cxd4 10.Nf3 Nc6



11.Bd3 White has compensation.
11...Bd7 12.0-0 g6 13.Ng5 0.08/15
[13.b4± 0.57/17]
13...Nge7 0.53/17
[13...Qe7= 0.08/15]
14.Nh5± gxh5? 2.25/18
[14...Kf8± 0.52/16]
15.Qxh5+-
[15.Bxh7? Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5-+]
15...Ng6

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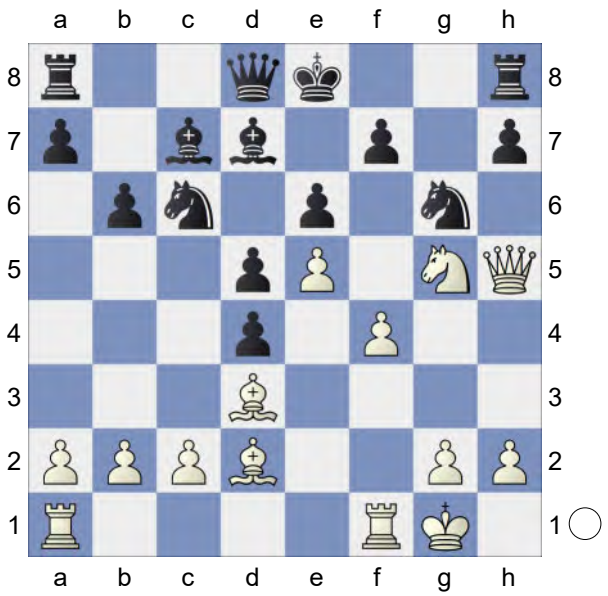
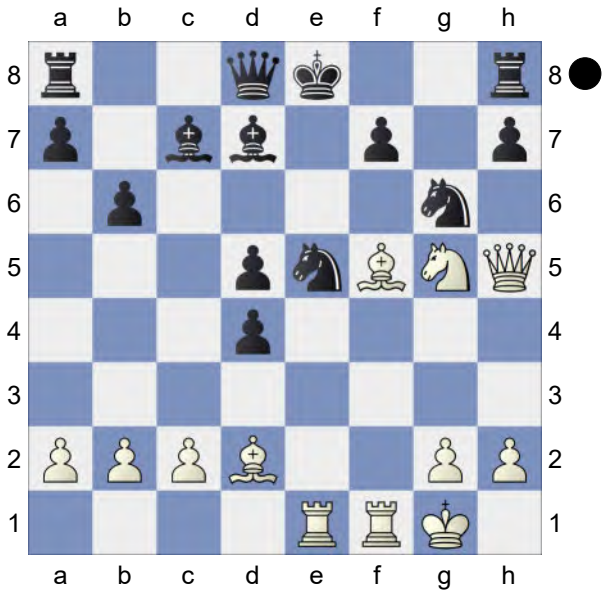
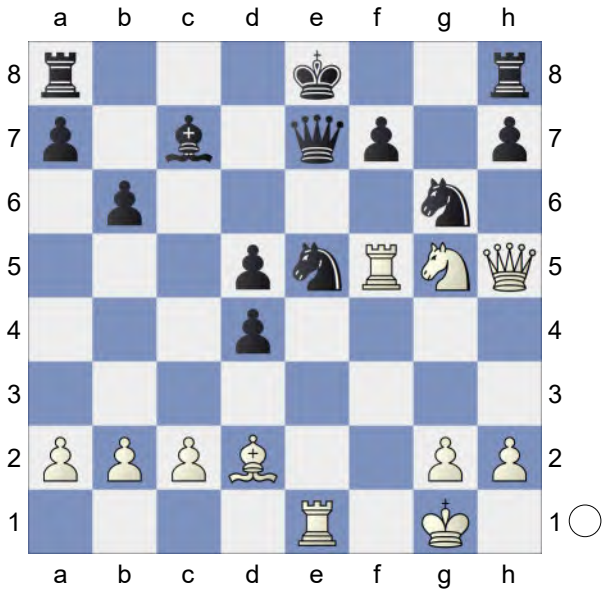


16.f5? 0.17/22
[16.Nxh7 Qe7 *(16...Qh4 17.Bxg6 Qxh5 18.Nf6+ Ke7 19.Bxh5+-)* 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kd8-+]
[16.Nxf7+- 2.29/22 Qh4 *(16...Kxf7? 17.f5+-)* 17.Qxh4 *(17.Bxg6 Qxh5 18.Bxh5 0-0+-)* 17...Nxh4 18.Nxh8]
16...exf5 1.42/22
[16...Bxe5!= 0.17/22 remains equal. 17.Rae1 *(17.fxg6 hxg6∓)* 17...exf5 18.Nxf7 *(18.Bxf5 Bxf5 19.Rxf5 Qd7=)* 18...Kxf7 19.Bxf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5+ Ke7 *(20...Bf6? 21.Bg5+-)* 21.Bg5+ Deflection Kd6 22.Bxd8 Rhxd8]
17.Bxf5 -0.01/20 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[White should play 17.Nxf7± 1.42/22 Qh4 *(17...Kxf7? 18.Bxf5 Bxe5 19.Bxd7+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Ke7 20.Bxc6+-)* 18.Qxh4 Nxh4 19.Nxh8]
17...Ncxe5 ...Bxf5 would now be deadly.
18.Rae1 -1.35/23
[18.Nxf7!= 0.01/20 was the only way to keep the balance. Qh4 *(18...Nxf7 19.Bxg6 hxg6 20.Rae1+=)* 19.Bxg6 Pin Qxh5 20.Bxh5]



18...Bxf5!∓ 19.Rxf5 Qe7 0.05/19
[19...Kd7∓ -0.74/19 White must now prevent ...f6. 20.Rxf7+ *(20.Nxh7? Kc6-+; 20.Nxf7 Nxf7 21.Rxf7+ Kc8∓)* 20...Kc6 *(20...Nxf7 21.Nxf7* Discovered Attack *Bxh2+ 22.Qxh2±)*]



20.Rxf7= Qxf7
[20...Qd6 21.Qh3]

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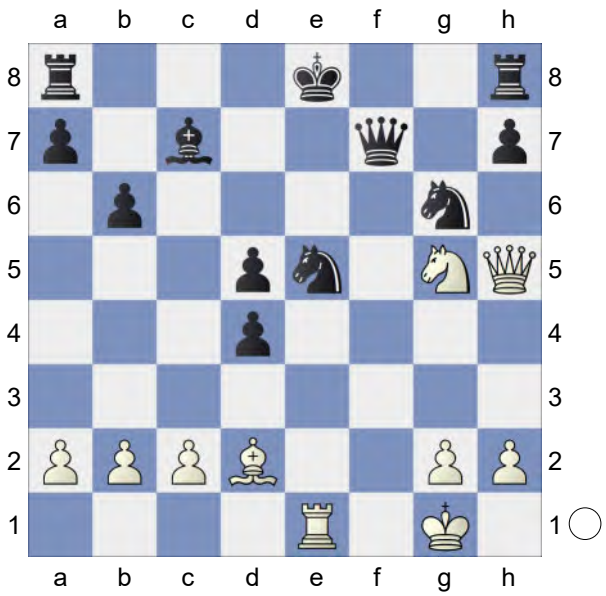
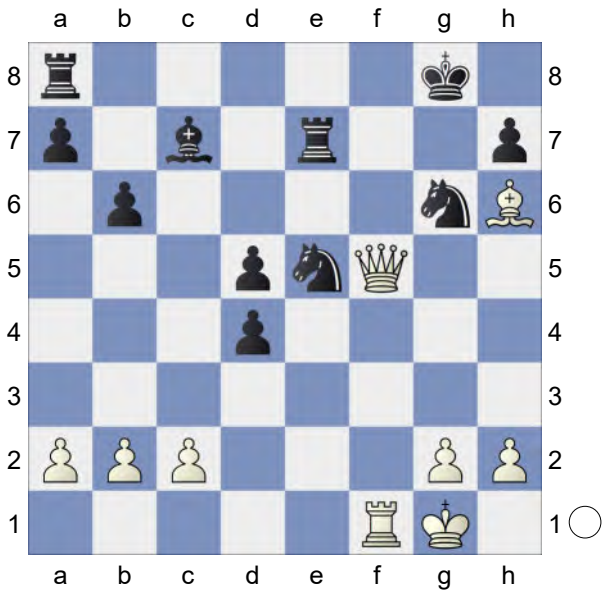


21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Bh6 0.01/20
[22.Rf1+± 0.84/19 Ke7 23.Qh3]
22...Rhe8! 23.Qf5+ Kg8 24.Rf1
Dodges Nf3+ **24...Re7**



25.h4!K White is not keeping still
25...Rae8

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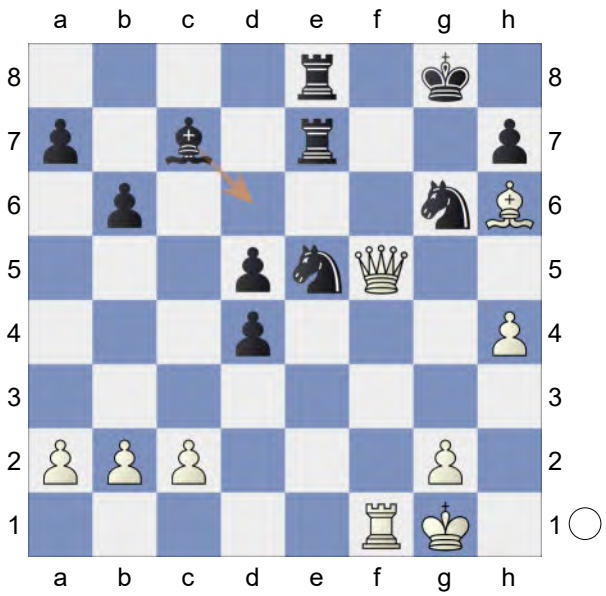
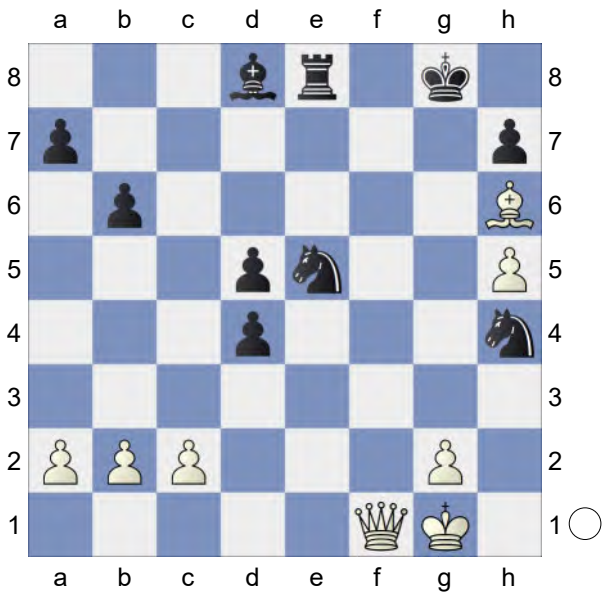
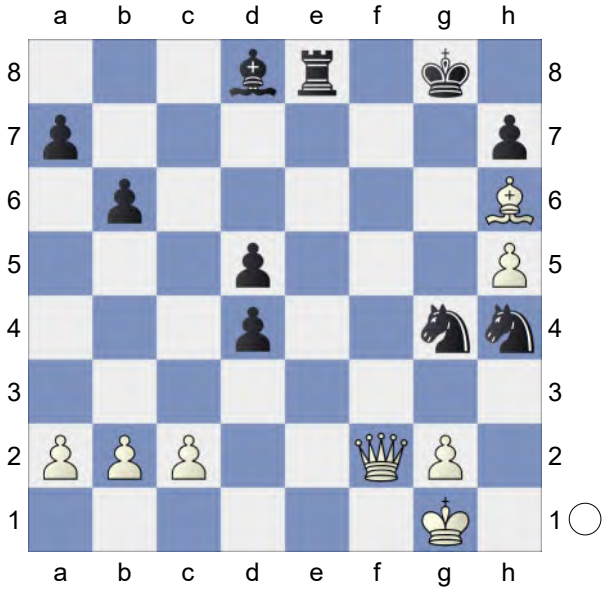


26.h5! Chess con chili. **26...Rf7** 0.55/22
[26...Nf7!= 0.01/22 27.hxg6 Nxh6]
27.Qg5? -1.28/22
[27.Qh3± 0.55/22 Nf8 28.Rxf7 Kxf7 29.Qf5+ Ke7 30.Bd2 *(30.Bf4 Nfd7=)*]
27...Bd8∓ 28.Qc1 Rxf1+ -0.52/23
[Black should try 28...Nh4∓ -1.25/21 And now ...Nf5 would win. 29.Bd2 Rg7]
29.Qxf1∓ Hoping for Qb5! **29...Nh4?** 2.49/22
[29...Ng4∓ -0.62/22 stays ahead. 30.hxg6 Nxh6]

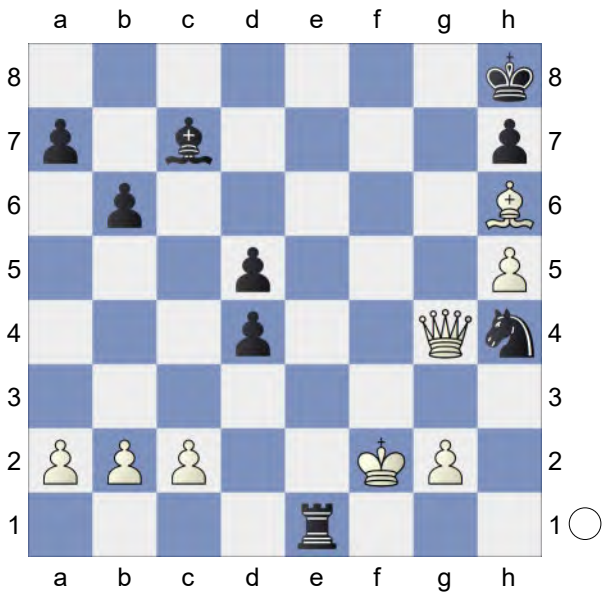
(Diagram)



30.Qf2? -0.15/18
[30.Qf4!+- 2.49/22]
30...Ng4? 2.96/20
[30...Kh8!= -0.15/18]



31.Qg3+- Kh8? 11.07/22
[31...Re4 3.48/19 32.Bf4 Ng6 33.Qxg4 Pin *(33.hxg6 h5+-)* 33...Rxf4 34.Qe6+ *(34.Qc8 Rf8+-)* 34...Rf7 35.hxg6 hxg6 36.Qe8+ *(36.Qxg6+ Kf8+-; 36.Qxd5 Bf6+-)* 36...Rf8 37.Qxg6+ Kh8]
32.Qxg4 Re1+ 33.Kf2 Bc7



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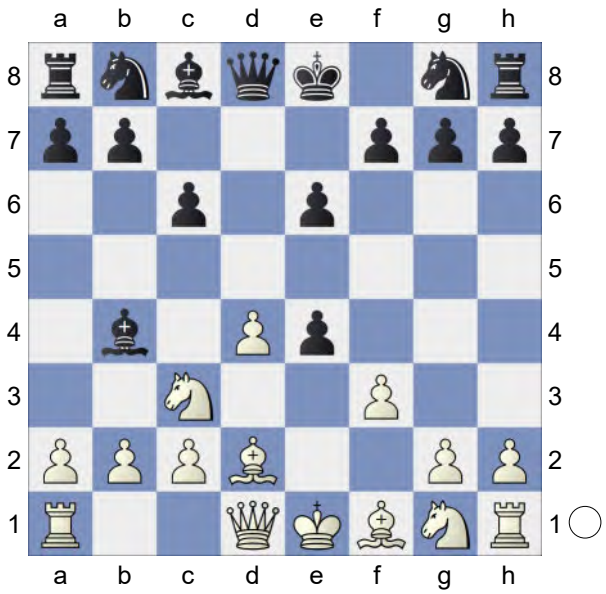
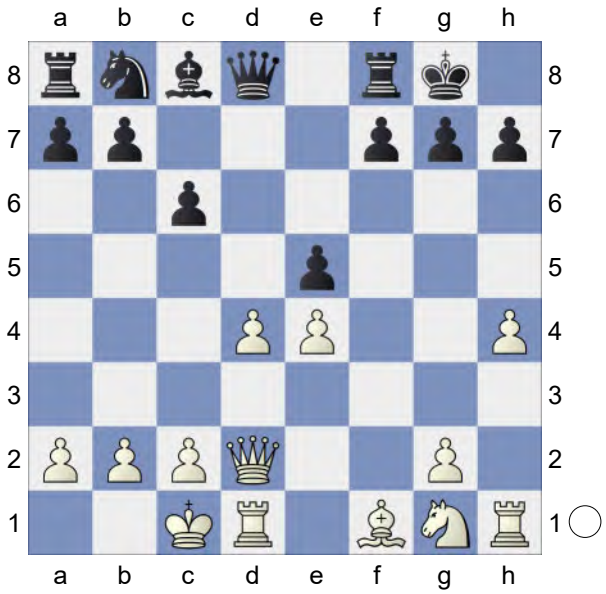
81 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2856**
■ **Chessed70** **2653**
Blitz 13.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 dxe4
[5...Ne7 6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.b4 Bb6 10.Na4 e5 11.c3 Bc7 12.0-0 Ng6 13.Qc2 Bd6 14.Ng3 Nf6 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.c4 Ndf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Nf5 Bc7 19.Rad1 a5 20.d5 1-0 (55) Just,W (2690)-Ermeni,A (2570) 8.c3 h6 9.h3]

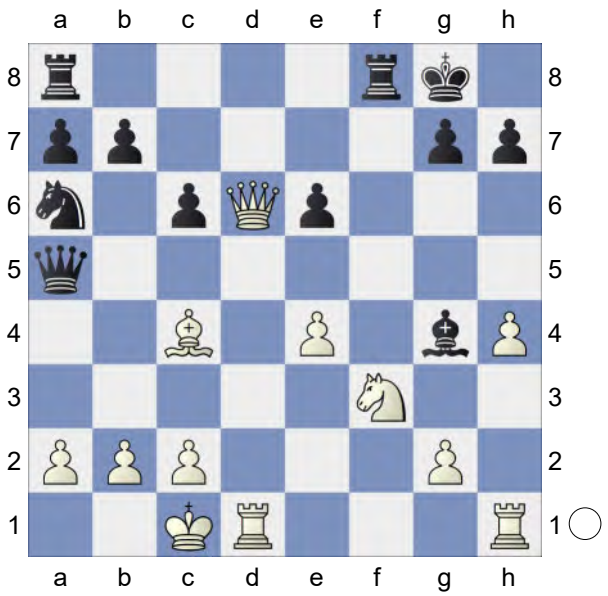


6.Nxe4 Bxd2+N
[6...Be7 7.Be3 *(7.Qe2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.h4 Qxd4 10.Bc3 Qa4 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Kb1* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:*)* 7...Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 ½-½ Perunovic,M (2540)-Ivanov,M (2277) SRB-chT Premier 2023 (5.6)]
7.Qxd2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.h4 Nxe4 10.fxe4 e5**

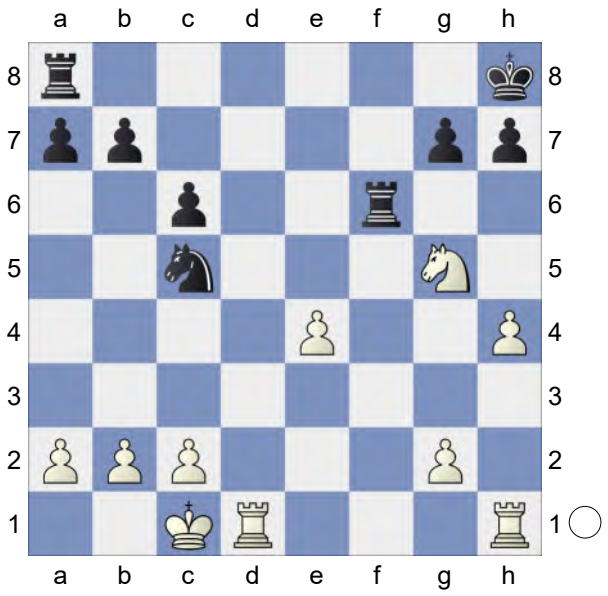


11.dxe5 Qc7 1.21/21 Black is weak on the dark squares
[⌓11...Qxd2+ 0.82/18 12.Rxd2 Nd7]
12.Nf3 0.49/18 White is more active.
[White should play 12.Qd6± 1.21/21 Qa5 13.Bc4]
12...Bg4 1.40/20
[12...Be6± 0.49/18]
13.Qd6↑ White has strong initiative.
13...Qa5 1.92/19
[13...Qxd6± 1.34/19 was called for. 14.Rxd6 *(14.exd6 Nd7±)* 14...Nd7]
14.Bc4+- Strongly threatening e6.
14...Na6 15.e6 fxe6 4.39/23
[⌓15...Bxe6 3.03/19 16.Bxe6 fxe6]

(Diagram)



16.Bxe6+ Bxe6 17.Qxe6+ Kh8 18.Ng5 Rf6 19.Qc4 Qc5 Wards off e5 **20.Qxc5 Nxc5**

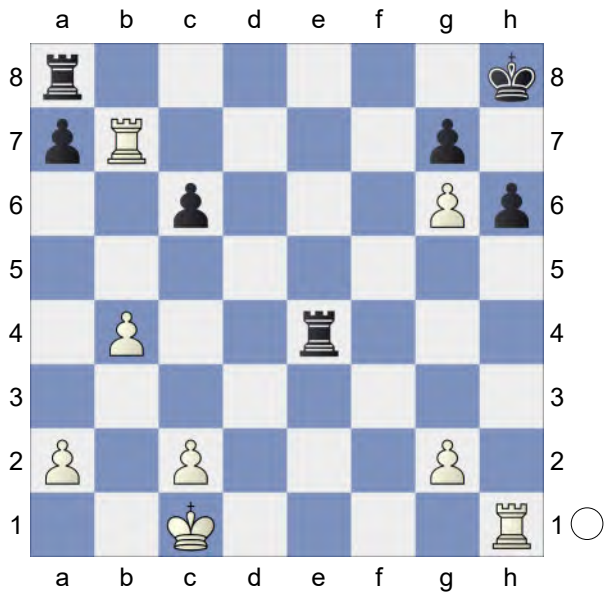


21.b4 Ne6 22.Rd7 Nxg5 23.hxg5± Endgame. KRR-KRR **23...Re6** 2.71/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[23...Rg6± 1.18/21]

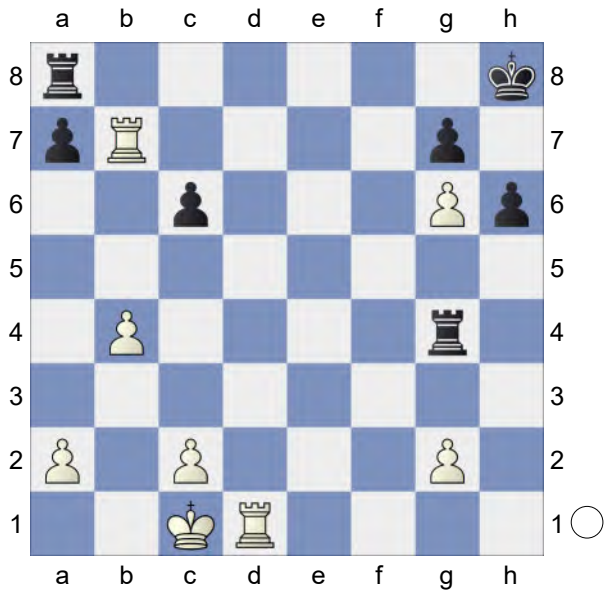
24.Rxb7+- Rxe4 25.g6 h6

(Diagram)



26.Rd1 Rg4 4.42/23

[⌓26...Re6 2.98/22 27.Rxa7 Rb8]



27.Rxa7!! Deflection, Back Rank

27...Rg8

[27...Rf8 28.a4]

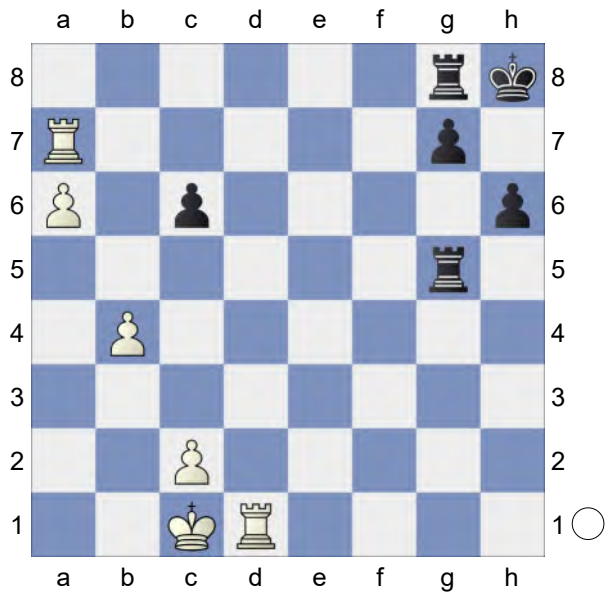
28.a4 Rxg6 29.a5 Hoping for a6.

29...Rxg2? 5.19/20

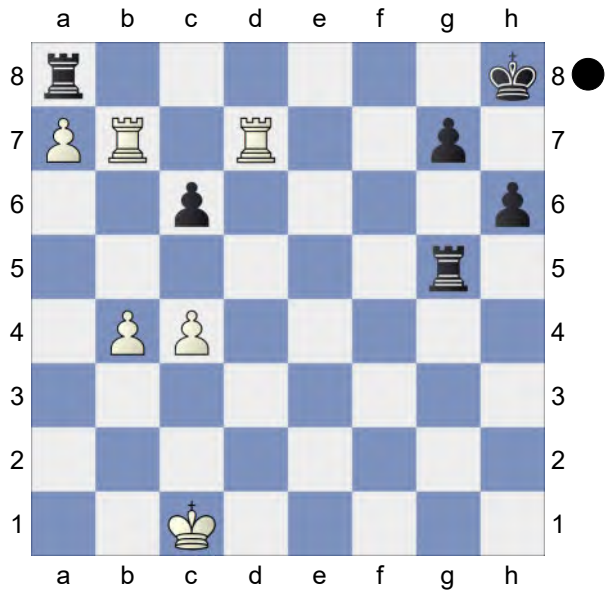
[29...Rg4 2.95/19 might work better. 30.Rb7 Ra8]

30.a6 Rg5

(Diagram)



31.Rb7 Rb5 32.Rdd7 Ra8 33.c4
[33.Rxg7 Rxa6 34.Rh7+ Kg8±]
33...Rg5 34.a7



aiming for Rb8+. **34...Kh7 35.Rb8 Rg1+**

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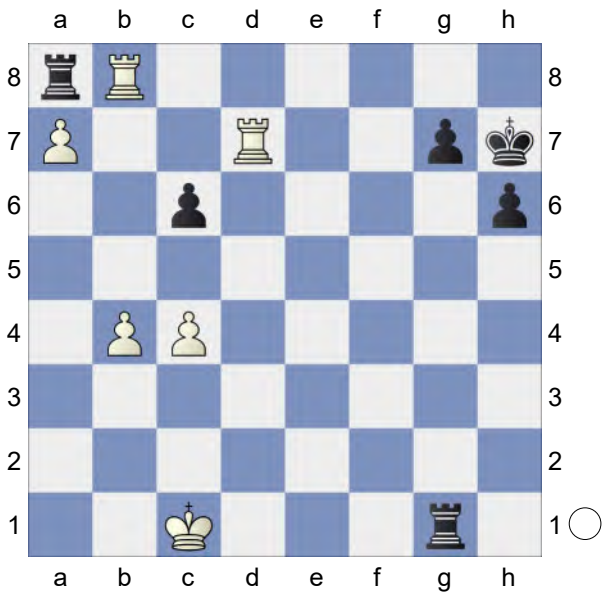
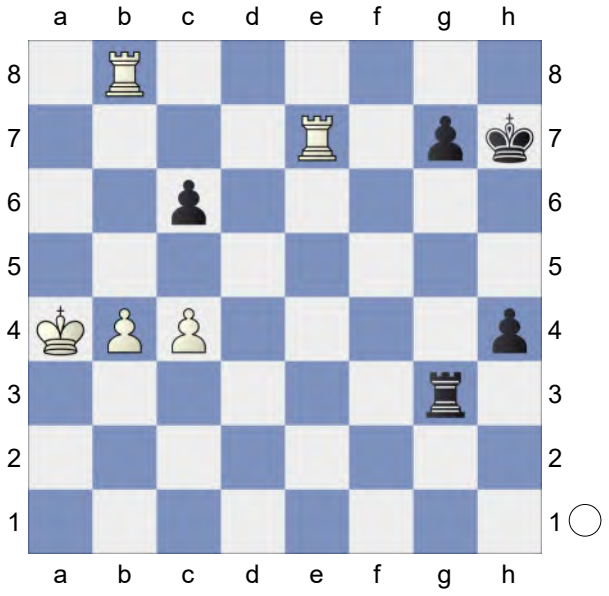


36.Kc2 Rg2+ 37.Kb3 Rg3+ 38.Ka4 Rxa7+ 39.Rxa7 h5 40.Re7 h4



41.Re4 g5 42.Re6 Intending Rb7+ and mate. **42...h3 43.Rb7+**

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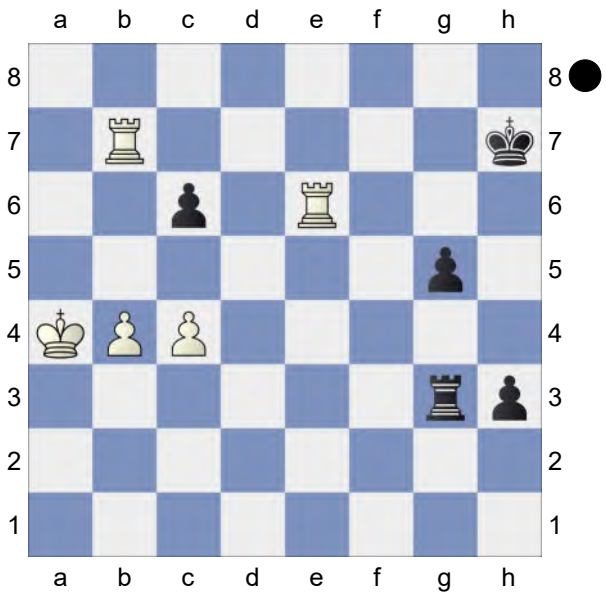

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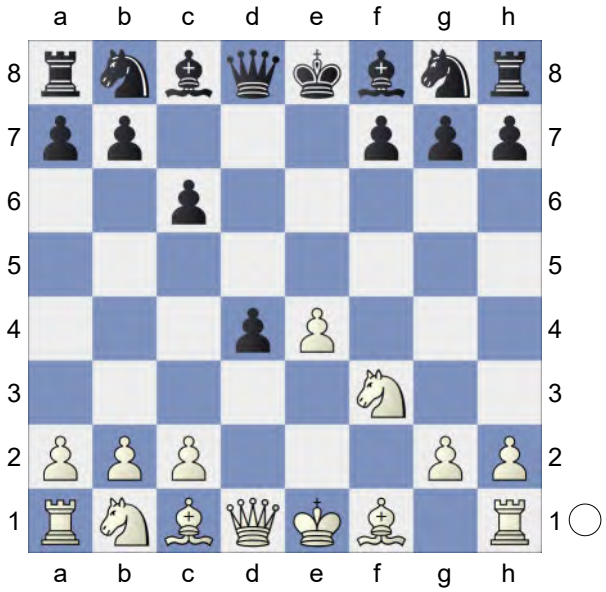
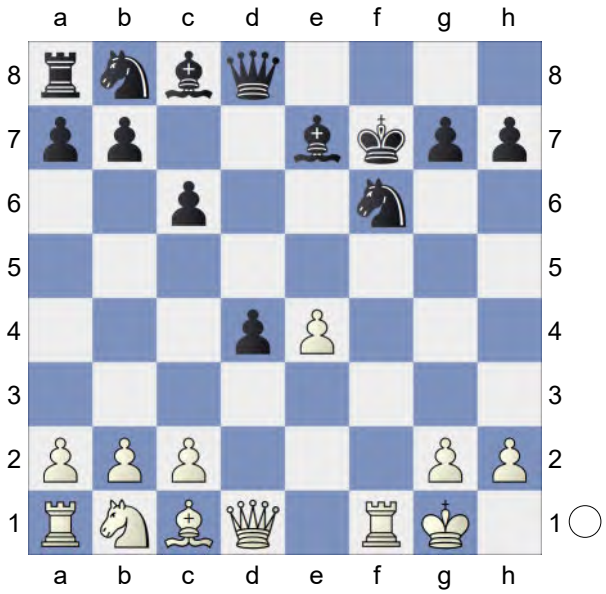
82 **B12**
□ **Yarebore** **2892**
■ **Kesha01** **2646**
Blitz 19.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

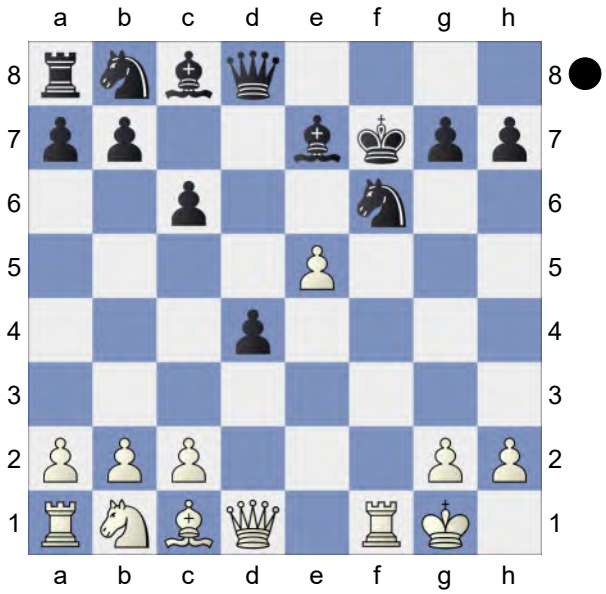
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4



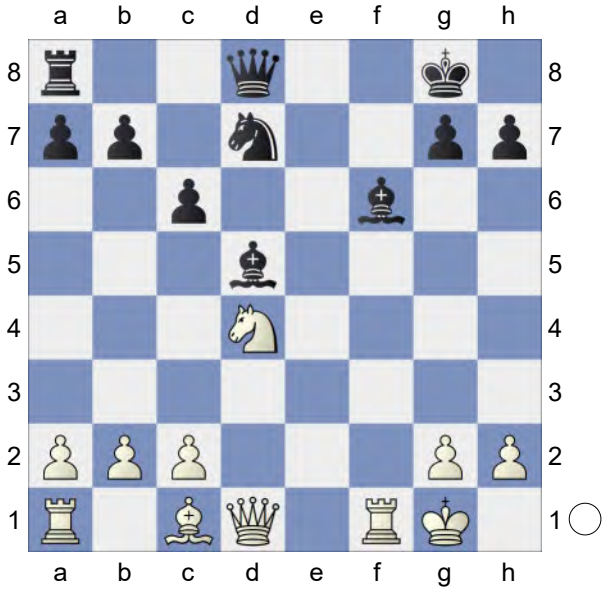
6.Bc4 Be7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Ng5 0-0 9.Nxf7 Rxf7 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7



11.e5

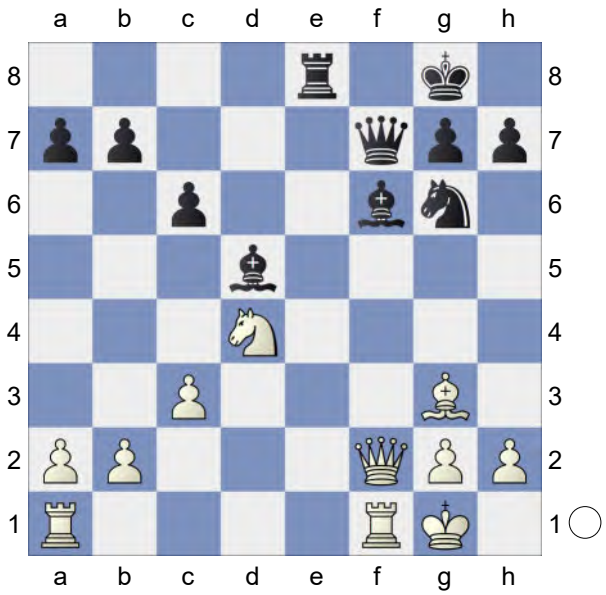


Pin **11...Be6N** 1.13/19 **12.Nd2** 0.66/18
[12.exf6± 1.13/19 Bxf6 13.Bg5]
12...Nbd7 1.03/20 **13.Nf3** White is better. **13...Kg8 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Nxd4 Bd5**



16.c3 Ne5 1.00/17
[16...Qe8± 0.62/17]
17.Bf4± Ng6 18.Bg3 Qe7 1.49/18
[⌓18...Qb6 1.13/17]
19.Qe1 Qf7 1.73/19
[19...Qc5± 1.29/17 20.a4 Bxd4+ 21.cxd4 Qxd4+ 22.Qf2 Qe4]
20.Qf2 Re8 2.17/21

[20...Qd7 1.69/19 is a better defense. 21.Nf5 Rf8 22.Qxa7 h5]

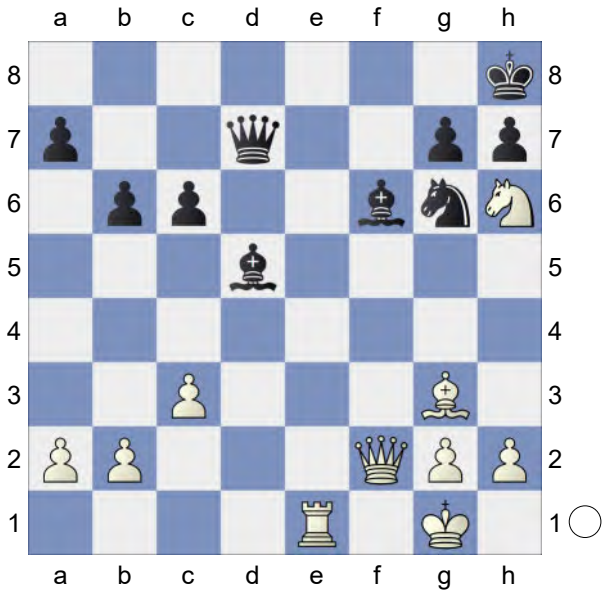


21.Rae1 Qd7 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Re1 Qd7 24.Nf5 Nh6+! would now be deadly. **24...b6?** 3.67/21

[24...h5 1.80/18 25.h3 Bd8]

25.Nh6++- Deflection **25...Kh8?** 9.77/20

[25...Kf8 3.99/22 26.h4 Bxa2]



26.Qf5 Qd8

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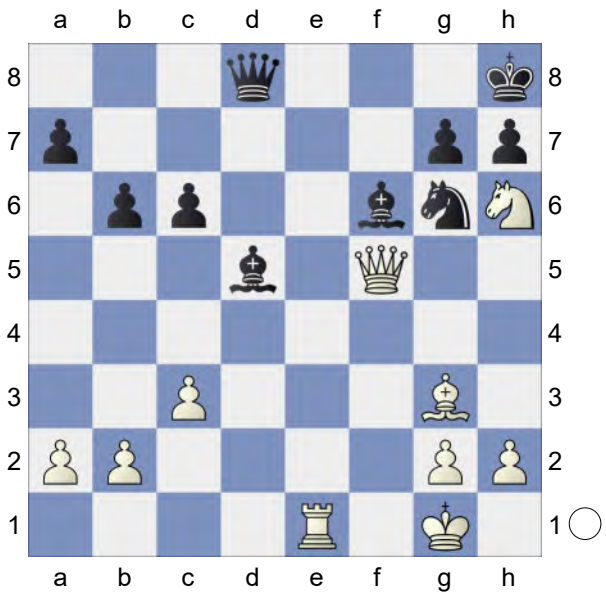
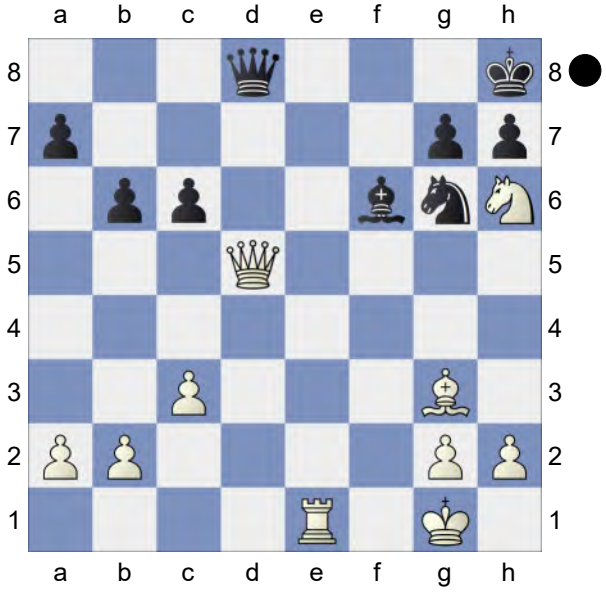


27.Qxd5!!



Remove Defender. Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.46

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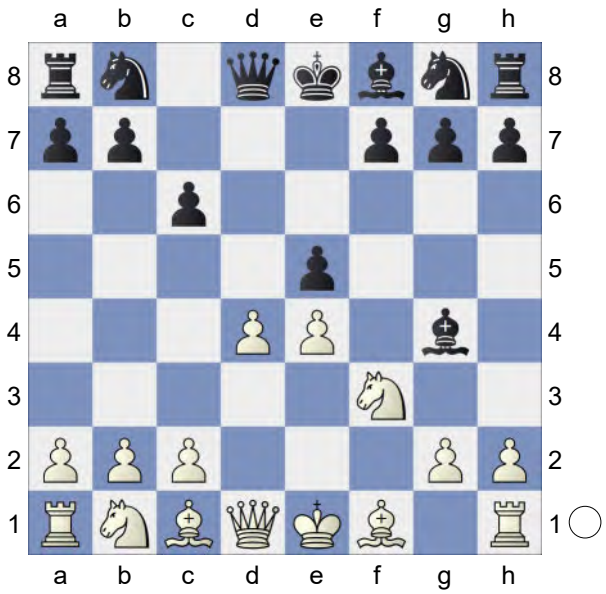
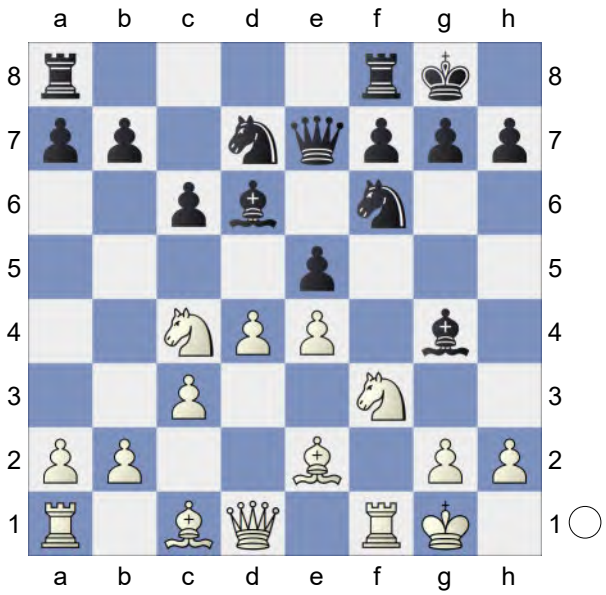
83 **B12**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2701**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2560**
Astana Satty Zhuldyz Blitz (11) 24.04.23
[Kitty Kat]

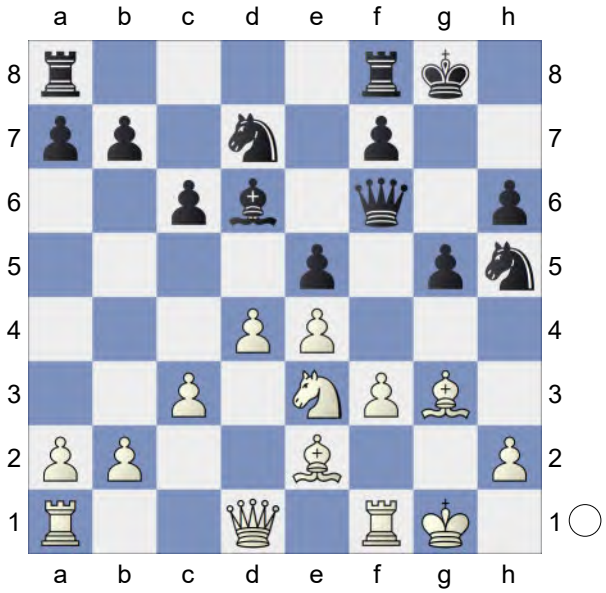
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
In this game, we will see yet another example featuring the 3...dxe4 variation, this time featuring one of the brightest chess talents - Arjun Erigaisi - with the White pieces. I have specifically decided to include this game because it features the rare move order where White plays Nbd2 before castling, that was mentioned in the clickables in the theoretical section. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4**



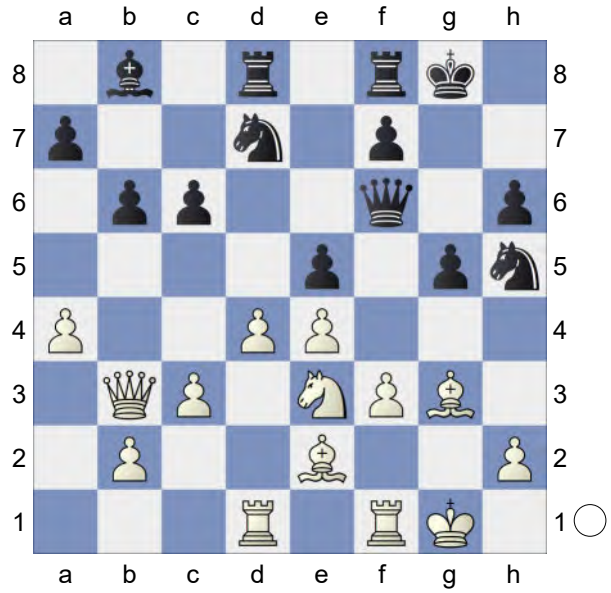
6.c3 Nd7 7.Nbd2 Ngf6 8.Be2 The position is equal. **8...Bd6** The modern move.Der moderne Zug. **9.Nc4 Qe7**
[9...Nxe4? 10.Ng5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2+-]
10.0-0!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[10.Nxd6+ Qxd6 11.0-0 0-0 1-0 (27) Marks,D (1956)-Parsons,C (1715) ICCF email 2020 12.Nxe5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Black should prevent Nxd7. Nxe5 14.Bf4 Nfd7 15.Rad1 Qe6 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5]
10...0-0N



11.Bg5 Bxf3 12.gxf3
[12.Rxf3 Rae8=]
12...h6 13.Bh4 g5 0.62/18
[13...Bc7= 0.19/18 deserves consideration.]
14.Bg3± Nh5 15.Ne3 0.29/19
[15.Nxd6± 0.66/17 Qxd6 16.Qe1]
15...Qf6=



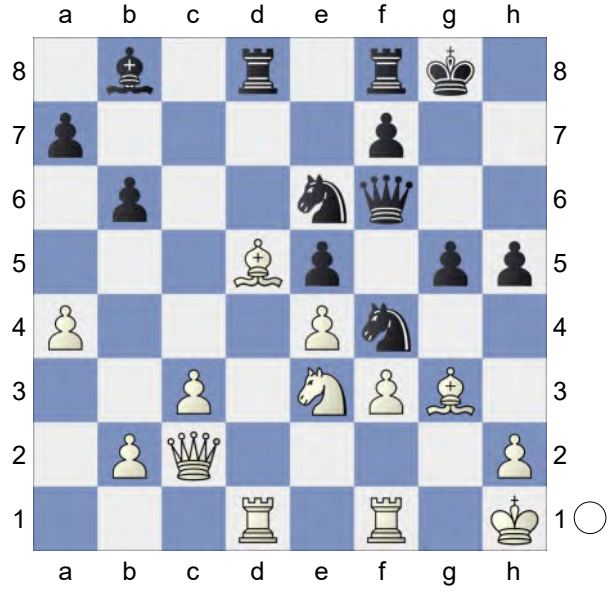
16.Nf5 Rad8 17.Qb3 b6 18.Rad1 White is much more active. **18...Bb8 19.a4 Ng7 20.Ne3 Nh5**



21.d5

[21.Kf2 seems wilder. Nf4 22.Nf5 Ne6 23.Qc2]

21...Nf4 22.Bc4 Nc5 Excellent horsemanship. **23.Qc2 cxd5 24.Bxd5 h5 25.Kh1 Nce6**



26.Bc4 Bc7 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rd1 Kf8 29.b3 Bd6 30.b4 a5

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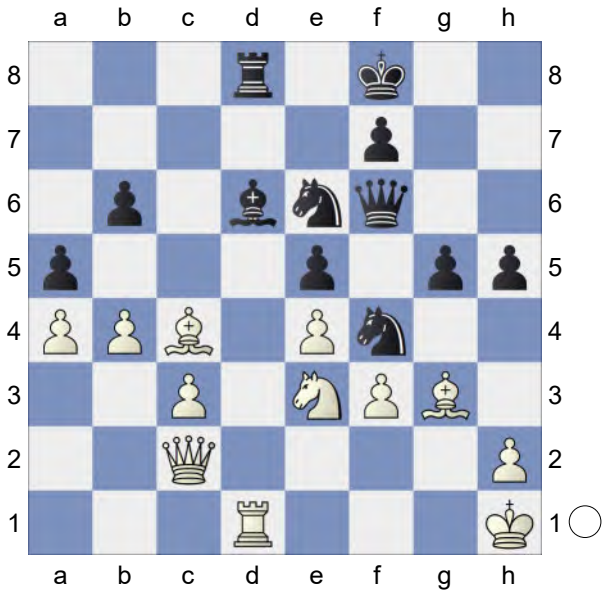
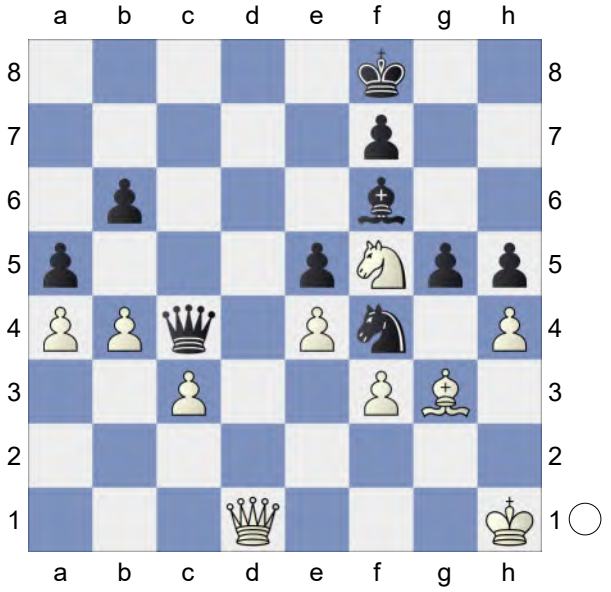


31.Bxe6 Qxe6 32.Nf5 Bc7 33.Rxd8+ Bxd8 34.Qd1 Bf6 35.h4 Qc4 0.56/24

[Better is 35...gxh4= -0.01/20 36.Bxf4 exf4]



36.hxg5!±

[36.Bxf4 gxf4 37.Kg2 *(37.Qd6+ Kg8=)* 37...Be7=]

36...Be7 1.05/21

[36...Bxg5± 0.57/24 37.Bxf4 exf4]

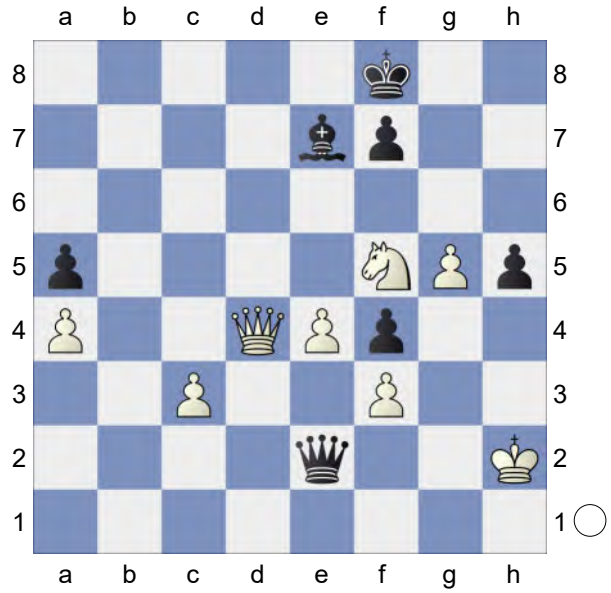
37.Bxf4± exf4 38.bxa5 0.07/23

[White should play 38.Kg2± 1.38/22]

38...bxa5 Endgame. KQB-KQN **39.Qd4**

[39.Qb1!? Bd8□ 40.Qd1 Bxg5 41.Kh2=]

39...Qf1+ 40.Kh2 Qe2+



41.Kg1 Qe1+ 42.Kg2

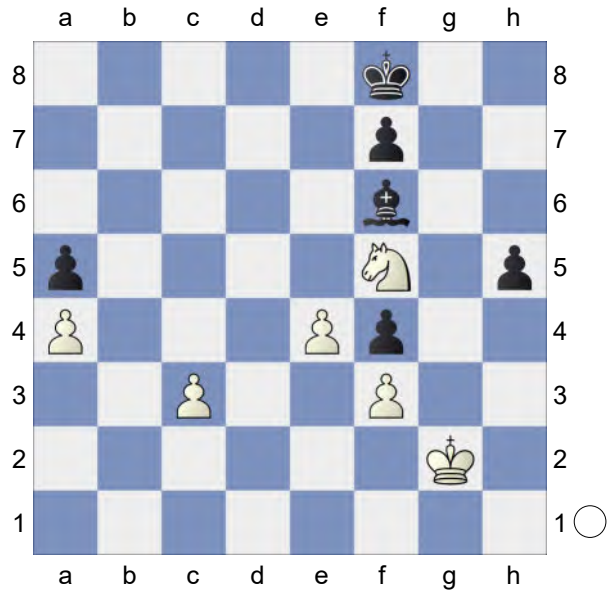
[42.Kh2!? Qe2+□ 43.Kg1 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Qe2+=]

42...Qe2+ 43.Qf2 Qxf2+ 44.Kxf2

And now Nxe7 would win.

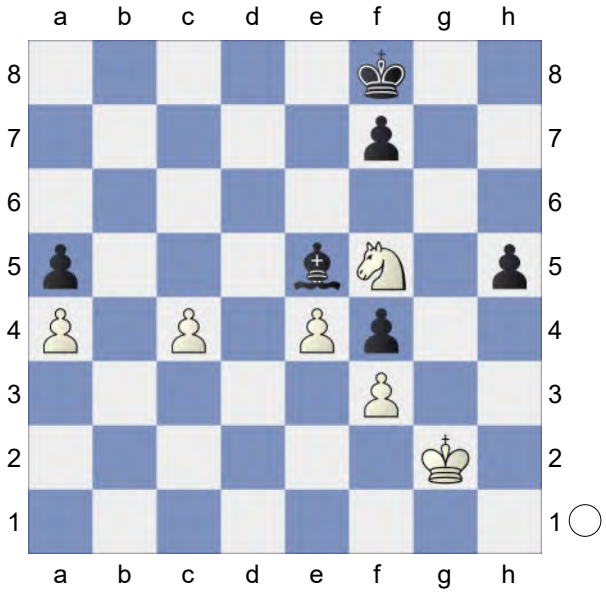
[44.Kh1 with more complications. Bc5 45.Nd4 h4 46.e5]

44...Bxg5= KB-KN **45.Kg2 Bf6**



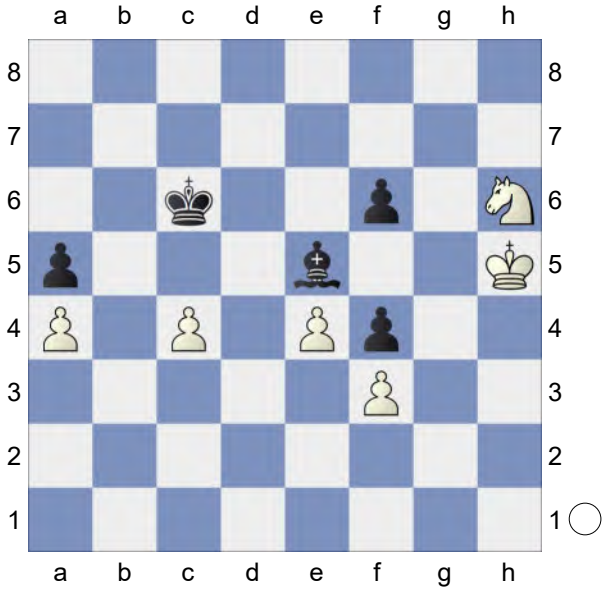
46.c4 Be5 1.13/29

[46...Ke8!= 0.01/28 keeps the balance.]



47.Kh3!± Strongly threatening Kh4.

47...Ke8 48.Kh4 Kd7 49.Kxh5 Nh6 would now be deadly. **49...Kc6 50.Nh6 f6**



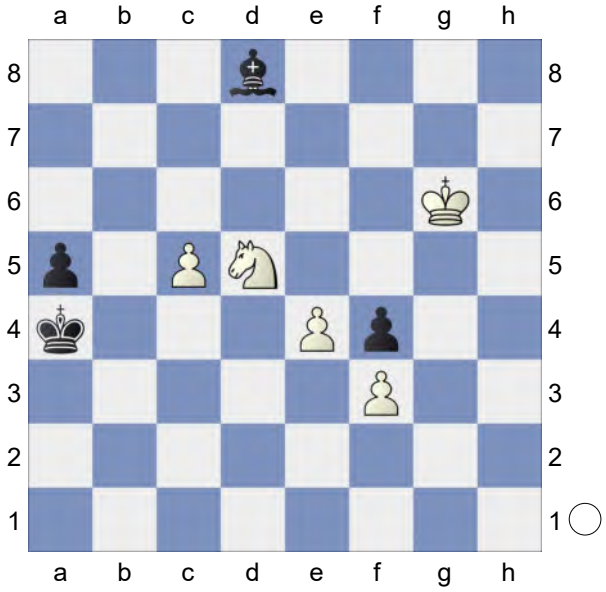
51.Ng4 Kc5 52.Kg6 Nxe5 is the strong threat. **52...Kb4?** 3.07/22

[52...Kxc4= 0.13/25 and Black has nothing to worry. 53.Kf5 *(53.Nxf6 Kb4=)* 53...Bb2]

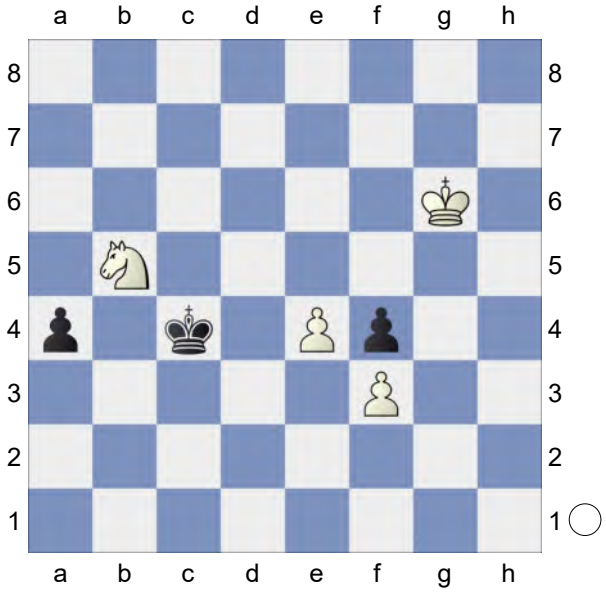
53.c5? 0.36/24

[53.Nxf6+- 3.07/22 Kxa4 54.Nd7]

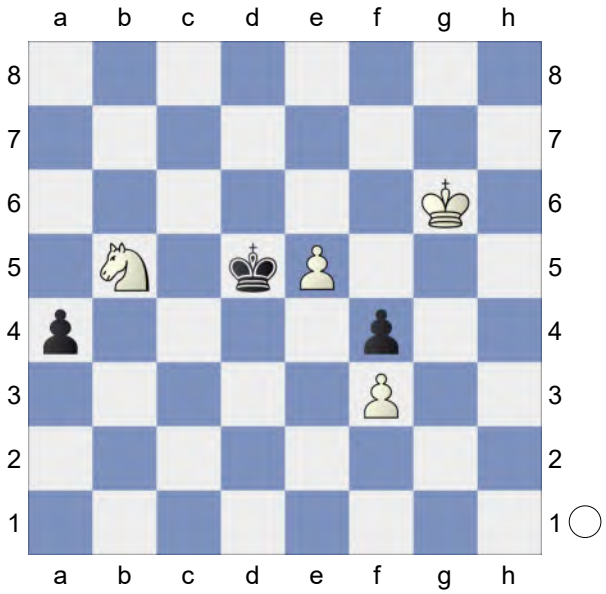
53...Bc7? 3.11/24
[53...Kxc5± 0.36/24 54.Kf5 *(54.Nxf6 Kb4±)* 54...Kb4]
54.Nxf6+- Kxa4? 16.01/22
[54...Kxc5 3.01/25 55.Nd5 Be5]
55.Nd5 Bd8



56.c6!
[Less strong is 56.Nxf4 Kb5±]
Predecessor: **56...Kb3 57.c7 Bxc7 58.Nxc7 a4 59.Nb5 Kc4**



60.e5! Kd5N
[60...Kxb5 61.e6]



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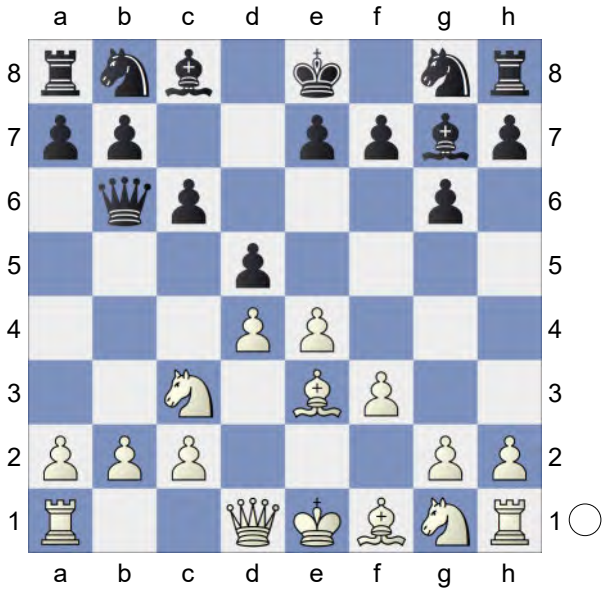
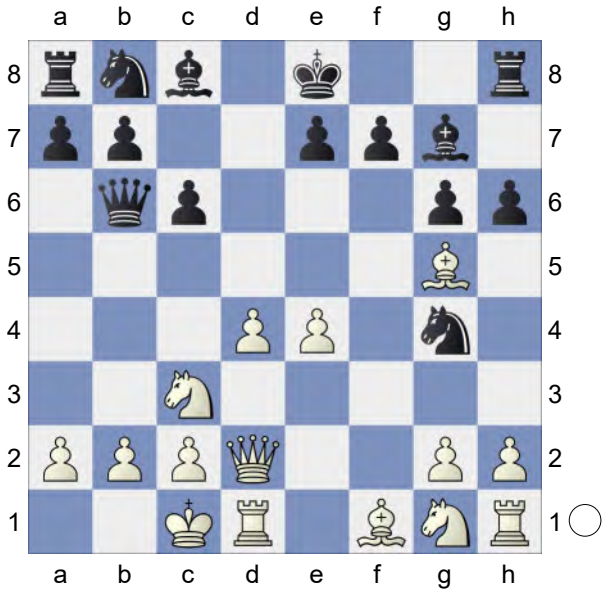
84 **B12**
□ **Longlive16Hayastan** **2869**
■ **Chessdarkforce** **2642**
Blitz 14.11.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Qb6

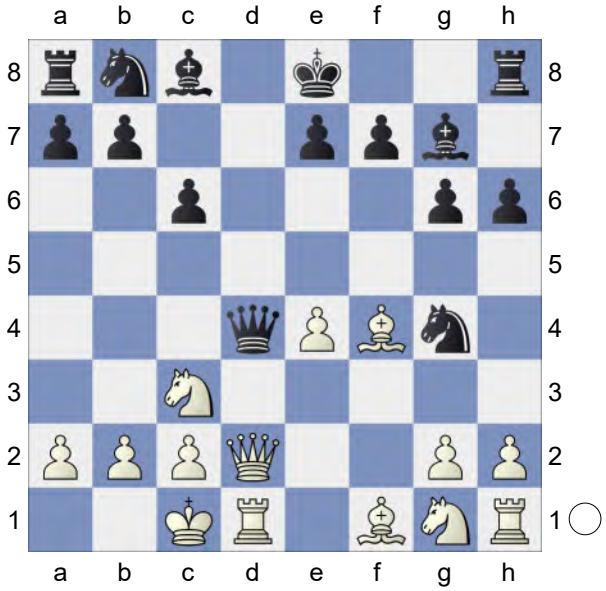


6.Qd2 Nf6N 0.81/19
[6...Qxb2= 0.04/18 remains equal. 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.exd5 *(8.Bd3 e6 9.Nge2 b6 10.Rb3 Qd6 11.h4 h5 12.e5 Qd7 13.g4 Ba6 14.gxh5 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Rxh5 16.Ng3 Rh8 17.h5 Qe7 18.Nce2 Nd7 19.c4 f5 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Nf4 Nf8 22.Rc3 Qd7* 1-0 (29) 6. ♗c4 ♗f5 7. ♘e2 ♘d7_5 (2633)-Tran,T (2477) Magnus Carlsen Inv KO 2021 (8)*)* 8...Nf6 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Bd3 *(10.Bc4 0-0 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Bb3 Ba6 13.0-0 Nb6* B 15/01-N, N *)* 10...0-0 11.Nge2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nbd7 Fantasy Variation With-Fantasy 3...g6 with 5. Be3,6]

7.0-0-0 dxe4 8.fxe4 White is slightly better.
[Reject 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.fxe4 c5=]
8...Ng4 9.Bg5 h6

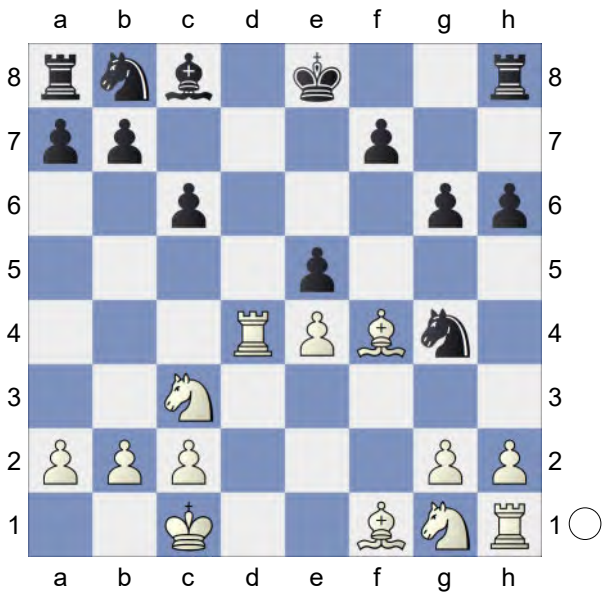


10.Bf4 0.12/20
[10.Bh4!± 1.05/20]
10...Qxd4=

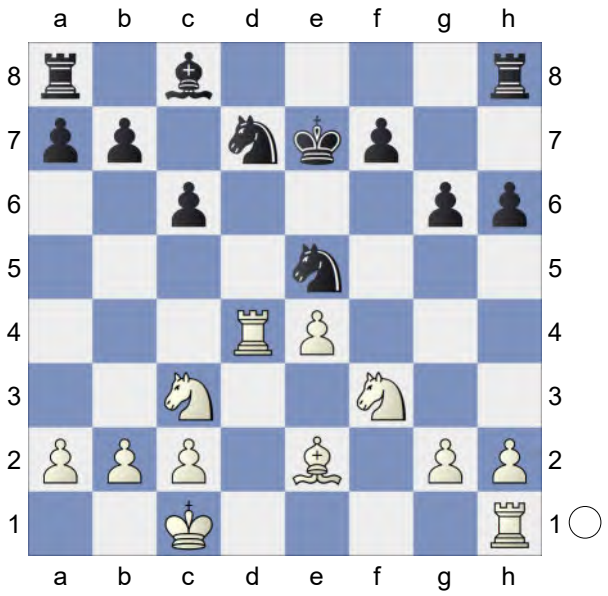


11.Qxd4 Bxd4 12.Rxd4 Rd2 is the strong threat. **12...e5**

(Diagram)

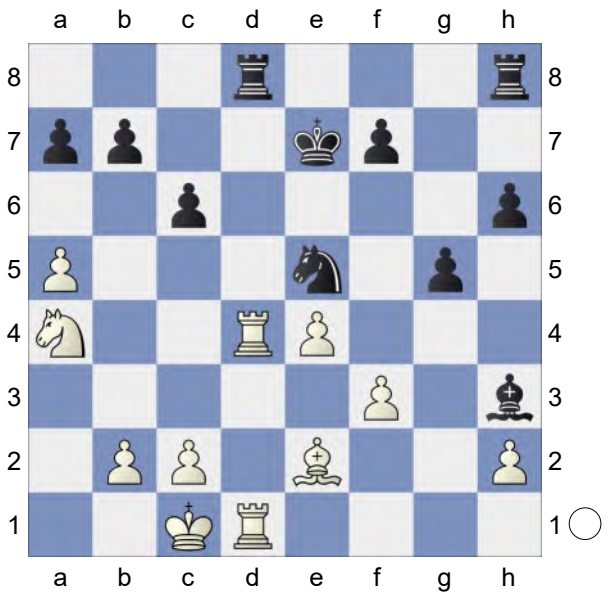


13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nf3 Nbd7 15.Be2 Ke7

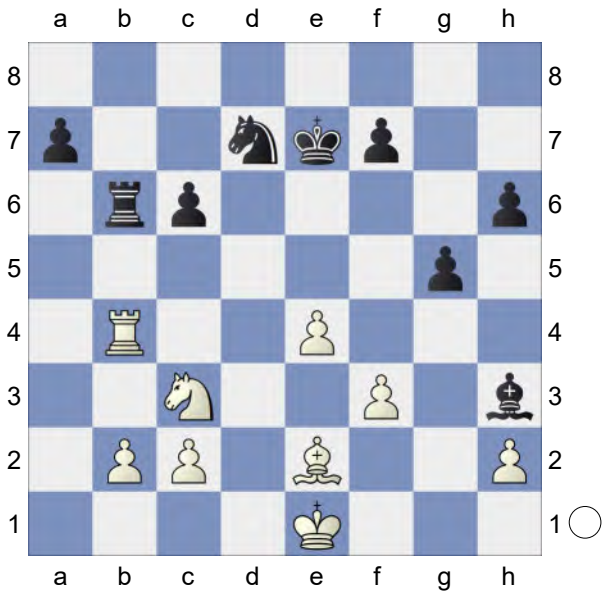


16.Rhd1 Nxf3 17.gxf3 g5 18.a4 Ne5 19.a5 Bh3 20.Na4 Rad8

(Diagram)



21.Rb4 Rxd1+ 22.Kxd1 Rb8 23.Ke1 Nd7 24.Nc3 b5 25.axb6 Rxb6

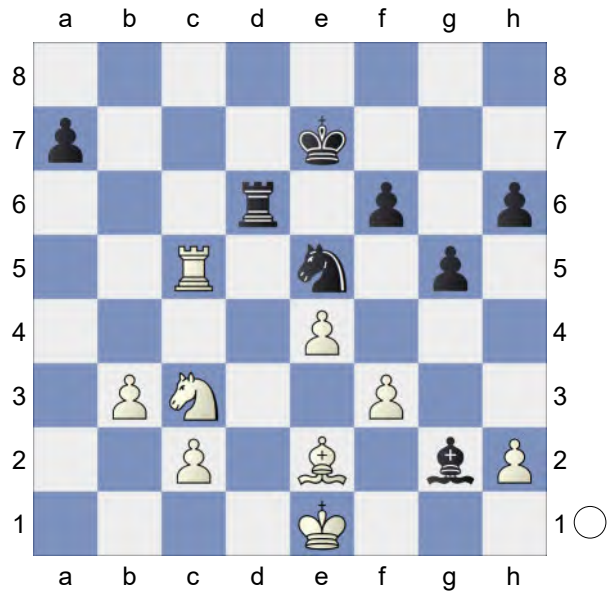


26.Na2 -0.63/20
[26.Rxb6= -0.15/21 axb6 27.Nd1]
26...c5 -0.22/23
[26...Be6∓ -0.63/20 27.Rxb6 axb6]
27.Rb5 Ne5 0.75/22
[27...Rxb5∓ -0.47/19 keeps the upper hand. 28.Bxb5 f6]
28.Rxc5± f6 29.b3 Black must now prevent Rc7+. **29...Rd6** 1.79/22
[29...Rc6± 0.86/21 30.Rxc6 Nxc6]
30.Nc3 1.31/20

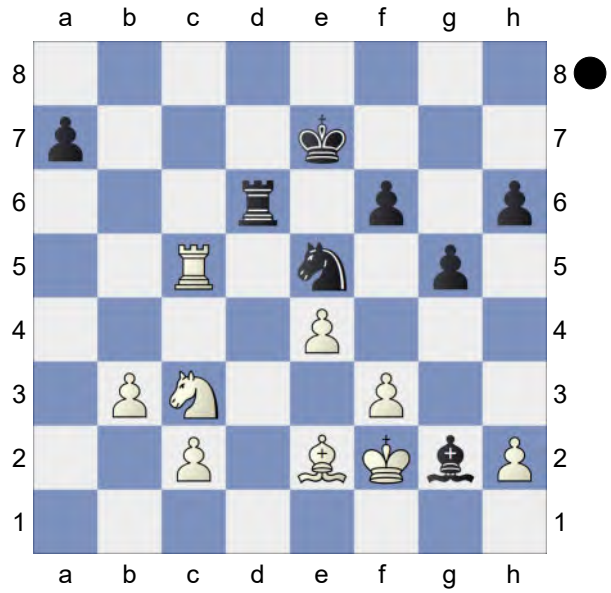
[White should try 30.Nb4+- 1.79/22]

30...Bg2 2.70/23

[30...Kf7± 1.31/20 was called for. 31.Nd5 Rc6 32.Rxc6 Nxc6]



31.Kf2



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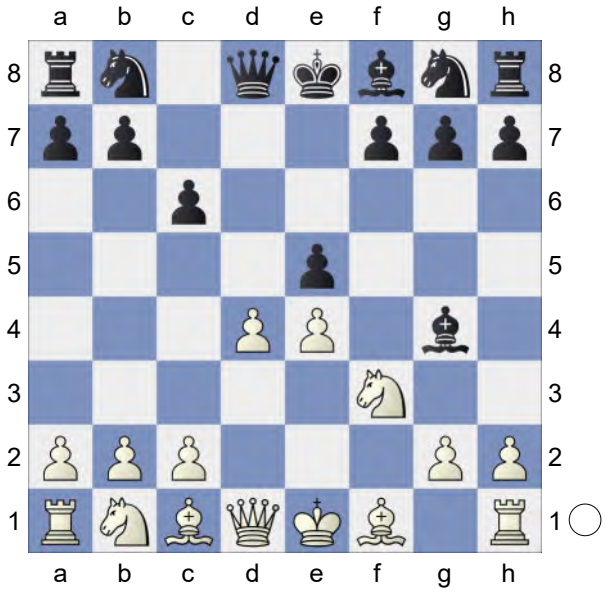
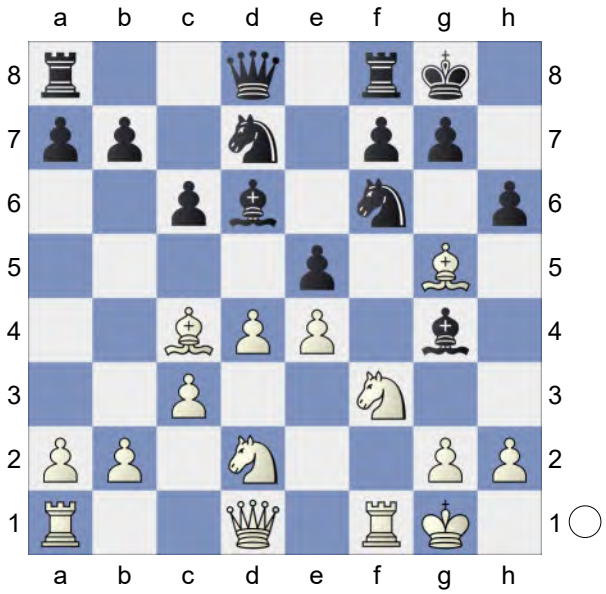
85 **B12**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2709**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2709**
Xiong vs. Liem Rapid 2020 (1) 08.08.20
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



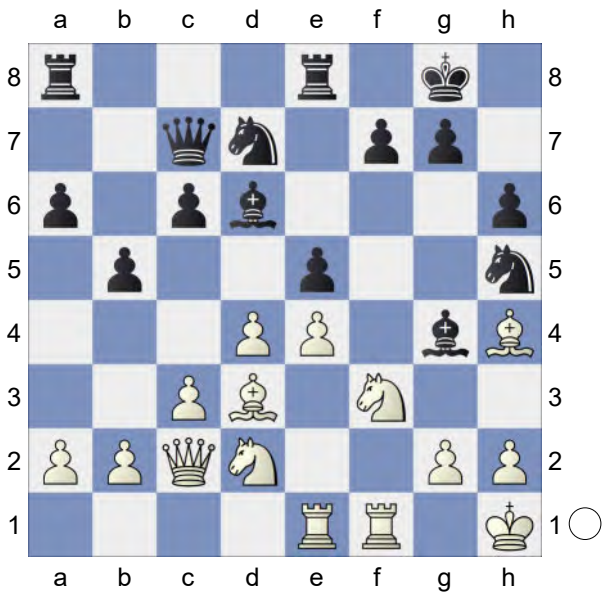
6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
7...Ngf6 8.c3 next Qb3 is good for White. **8...Bd6 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6**

(Diagram)

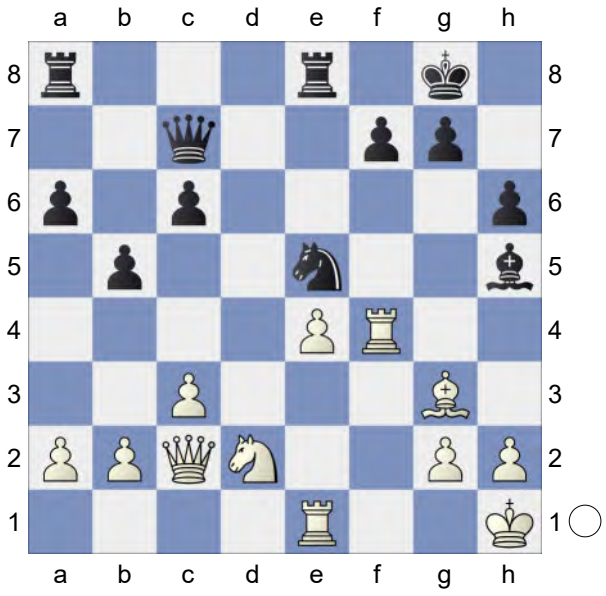


11.Bh4 Qc7 12.Qc2
[12.h3 Bh5 13.Qc2 Bg6 14.Bd3 b5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Nf3 Qf4 18.Rae1 Nc5 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.b4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Rfe8 22.Re3 a5 ½-½ Kofidis,S (2558)-10.dc5 ?c5 11.?d2_13770 (2645) Deutschland 102/(47) 2008 (2)]
12...b5N
[12...Rae8 13.Rae1 b5 14.Bd3 Nh5 15.Qc1 Nf4 16.Bc2 c5 17.d5 c4 18.Bg3 Nh5 19.Bf2 Nc5 20.Be3 Nb7 21.Nh4 Bc5 22.Kh1 Qb6 23.Nb1 Bxe3 24.Rxe3 Nc5 25.Qe1 g6 26.Nf3 Nf4 27.Nxe5 ½-½ (73) Hernandez Guerrero,G (1751)-Shoebridge,A (1872) Roquebrune rapid 1992 (4)]
13.Bd3 Rfe8 14.Rae1 Nh5 15.Kh1 a6

(Diagram)

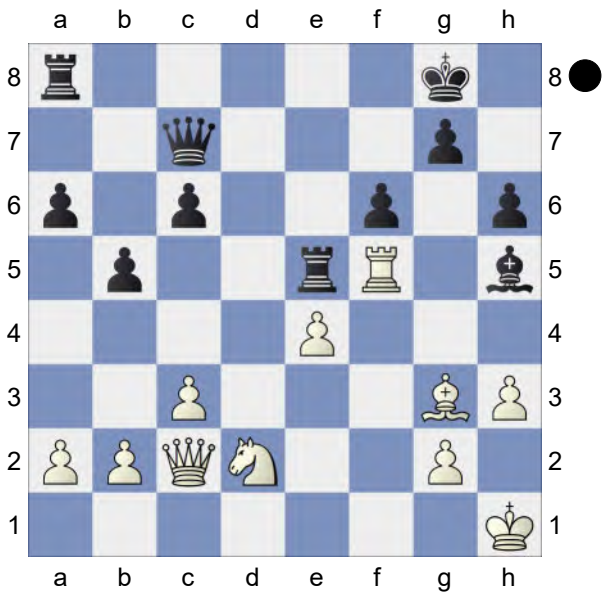


16.Be2 Nf4 17.Nxe5 Bxe2 18.Rxf4 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Bh5
[19...Qxe5? 20.Rf5 Qe6 21.Rxe2+-]
20.Bg3 Hoping for e6! **20...Nxe5**
[20...Rxe5 21.Nf3 Bxf3 22.Rxf3±]

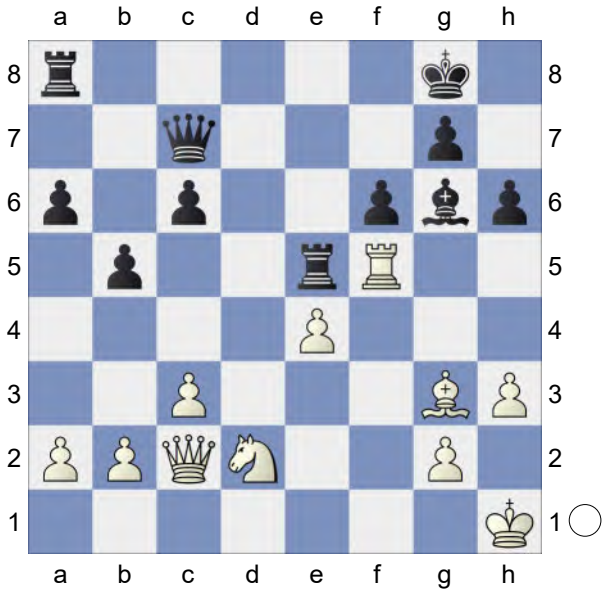


21.Rf5 -0.67/23
[21.Rh4= -0.13/22 Bg6 22.Nf3]
21...Bg4!∓ 22.Rxe5 Rxe5 23.h3 Bh5 24.Rf1 f6 25.Rf5

(Diagram)

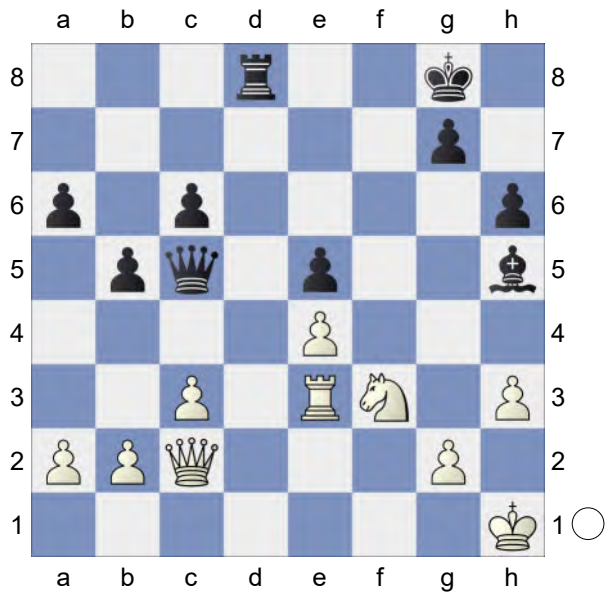


Pin **25...Bg6!**

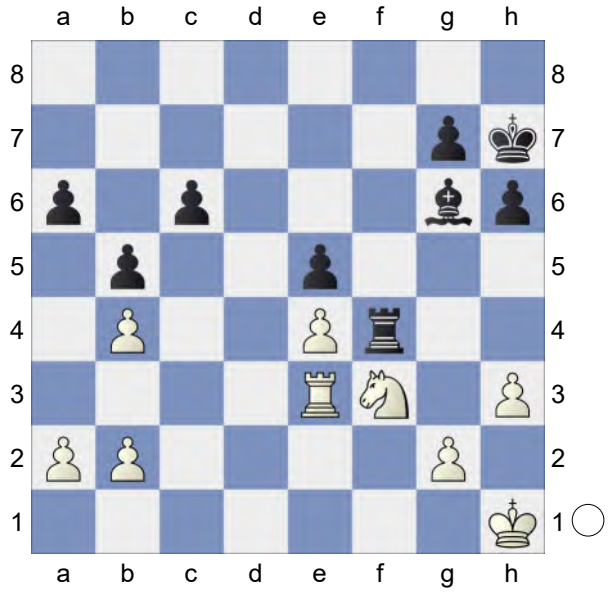


26.Bxe5 fxe5 27.Rf1 Rd8 28.Nf3 Qe7 29.Re1 Bh5 ...Bxf3 would now be deadly. **30.Re3 Qc5**

(Diagram)

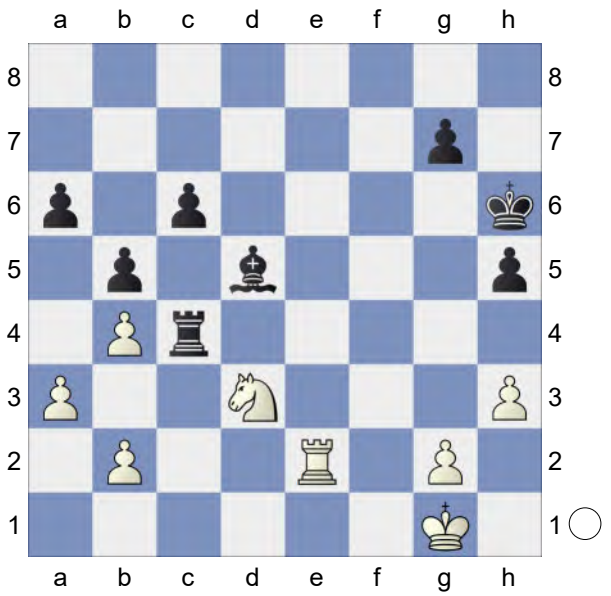


31.Rd3 Rf8 32.Qb3+ Kh7 33.Qb4 Qxb4 34.cxb4= Endgame. KRB-KRN **34...Bg6 35.Re3 Rf4**

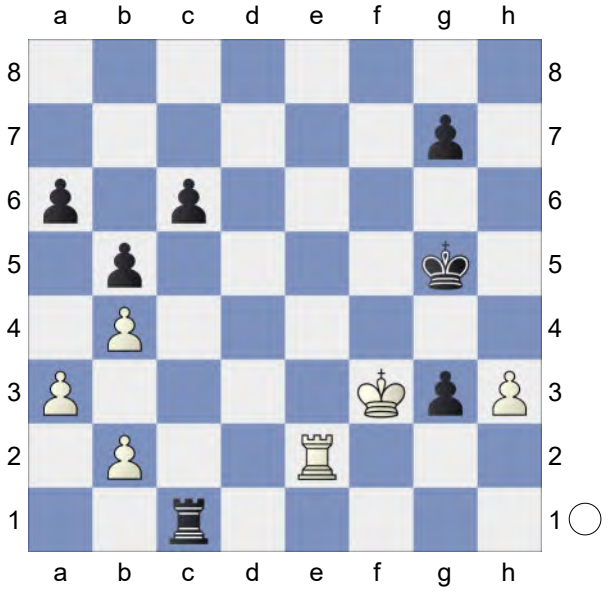


36.Kg1 Bxe4 37.Nxe5 Black must now prevent g3. **37...Bd5 38.a3 h5 39.Nd3 Rc4 40.Re2! Kh6**

(Diagram)

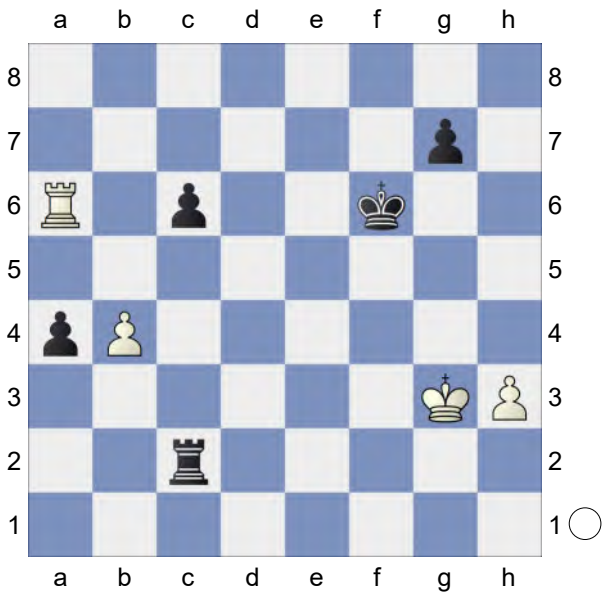


41.Kf2 h4 42.g3 -0.53/24
[42.Kg1= 0.01/21]
42...Kg5 43.Ne5 Rc1 -0.01/25
[43...Rd4∓ -0.51/21]
44.Nf3+ Bxf3 45.Kxf3 hxg3



46.Kxg3 KR-KR **46...Kf6 47.Re8 Rc2 48.Ra8 Rxb2** ...Rb3+ is the strong threat. **49.Rxa6 Rc2**
[49...Rb3+ simplifies 50.Kg2 Rc3 51.a4 bxa4 52.Rxa4 Rc2+]
50.a4 bxa4

(Diagram)



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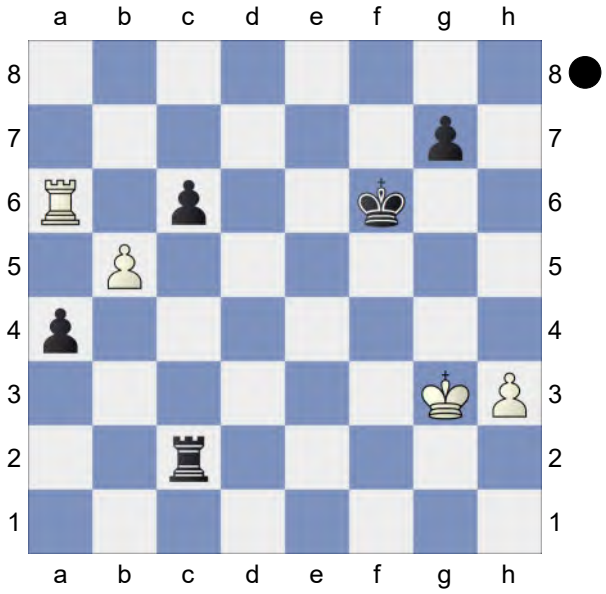
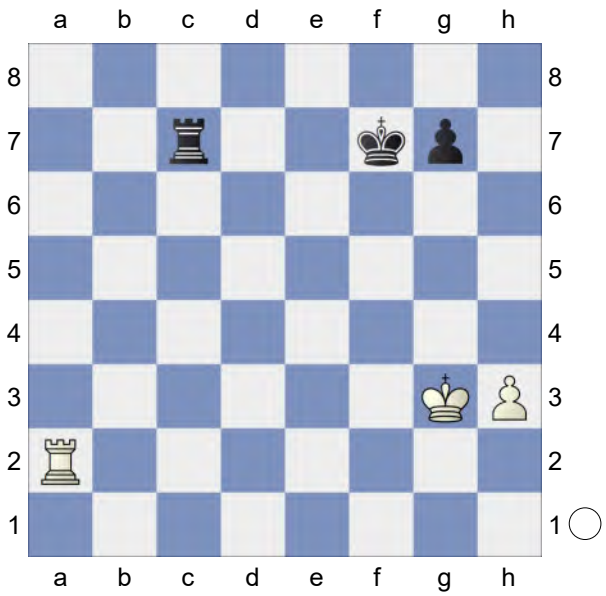


a3 -0.01/21 **52.bxc6** The position is equal. **52...a2** **53.c7+** **Kf7** **54.Rxa2** Promotion **54...Rxc7**

(Diagram)



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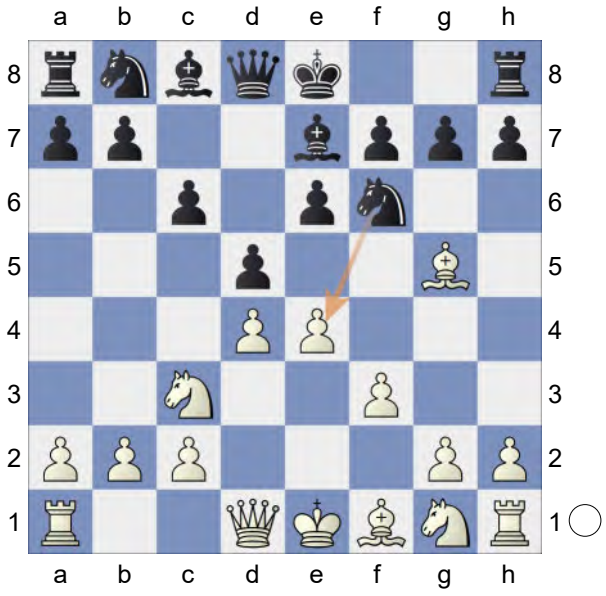
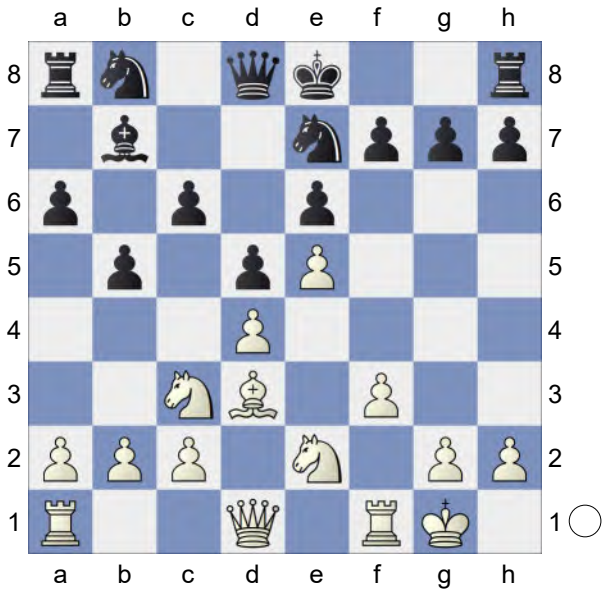
86 **B12**
□ **Kelevra317** **2843**
■ **Blackwizard97** **2656**
Blitz 13.11.2019
[Kitty Kat]

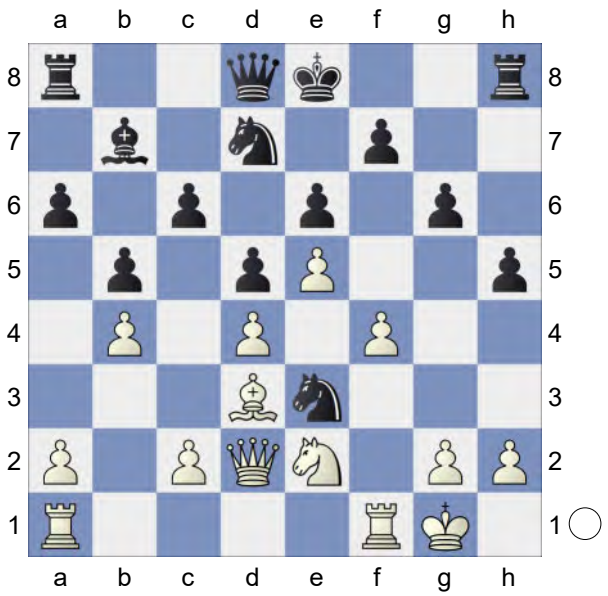
Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5
[5.Be3 Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 1-0 (34) 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7.e3_52523 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)]
[5.e5 Nfd7 6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]
5...Be7



6.Bd3N -0.43/18
[6.e5= 0.09/17]
[6.Nge2 Nxe4 7.Bxe7 Nxc3 8.Bxd8 Nxd1 9.Bg5 Nxb2 Blunder On Move, A]
6...a6 0.08/19
[6...Nxe4∓ -0.43/18 7.fxe4 *(7.Bxe7 Nxc3 8.Bxd8 Nxd1∓)* 7...Bxg5]
7.Nge2 -0.49/19
[7.Qd2= 0.08/19]
7...b5 0.08/15
[Better is 7...Nxe4∓ -0.49/19 8.Nxe4 *(8.Bxe7 Nxc3 9.Bxd8 Nxd1∓)* 8...Bxg5 9.Nxg5 Qxg5]
8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Bb7**
[8...Nxe4!? 9.Nxe4 *(9.Bxe7 Nxc3 10.Bxd8 Nxd1∓)* 9...Bxg5 10.Nxg5 Qxg5=]
9.e5 Ng8 0.40/17
[9...Nfd7= 0.03/20 10.Bxe7 Qxe7]
10.Bxe7± Nxe7



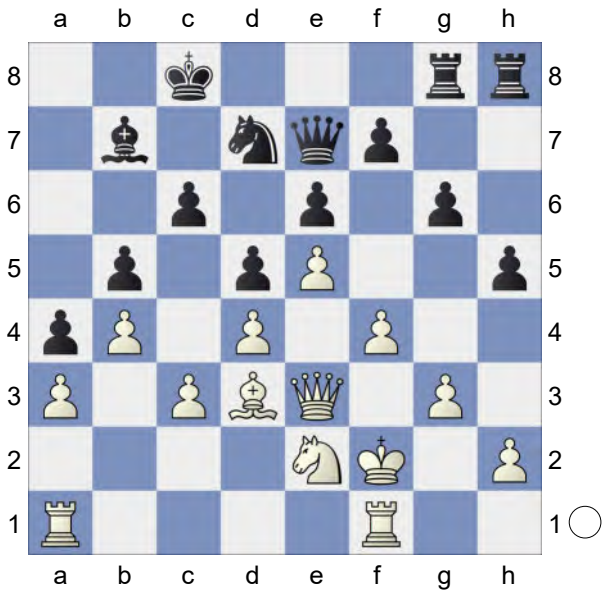
11.b4 h5 12.f4 g6 0.85/18
[12...a5± 0.43/16 is superior.]
13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Nd1 Nf5 0.91/19
[14...a5± 0.53/19]
15.Ne3 0.54/17
[15.a4± 0.91/19]
15...Nxe3



16.Qxe3 Qe7 17.c3 a5 18.a3 a4 1.00/19

[18...Nb6± 0.58/18 feels stronger.]

19.g3 0-0-0 20.Kf2 Rdg8



21.Ke1 Kc7 22.Kd2 Nb6 23.Rf2 Bc8 24.Raf1 Bd7 25.Ng1 Bc8

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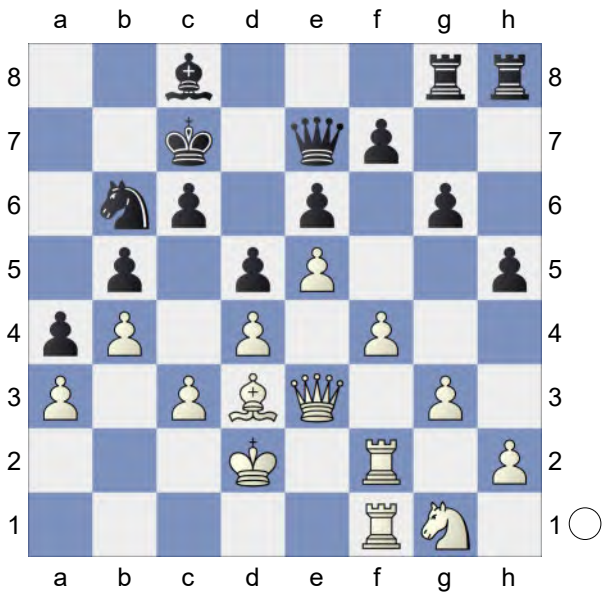
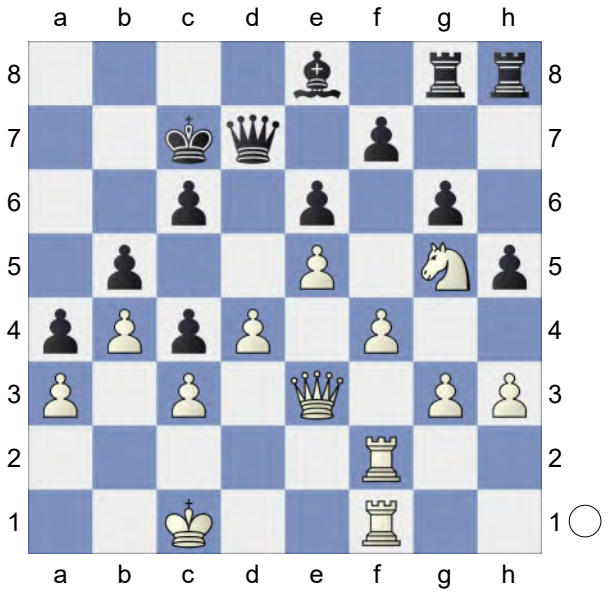


26.Nf3 Bd7 27.Ng5 Be8 28.Kc1 Qd7 29.h3 White has more active pieces.

29...Nc4 30.Bxc4 dxc4 1.35/17

[⌓30...bxc4 0.71/21 31.Kd2 Qe7]



Black is weak on the dark squares

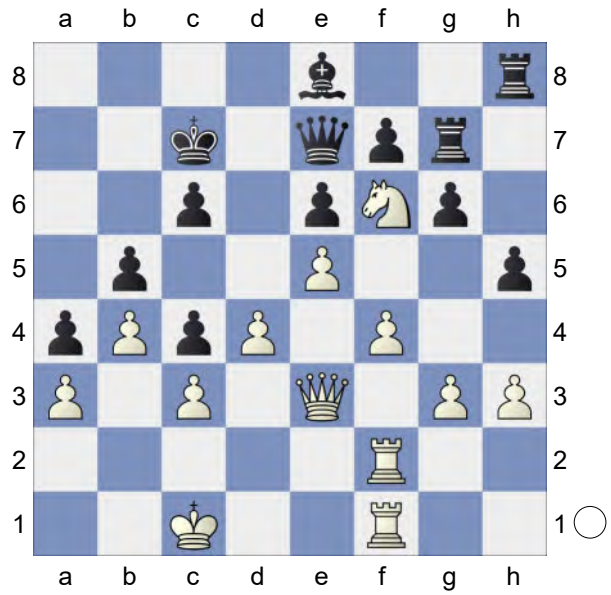
31.Ne4± Qe7? 5.14/20

[31...Qd8± 1.36/18 is a better chance. 32.d5 cxd5]

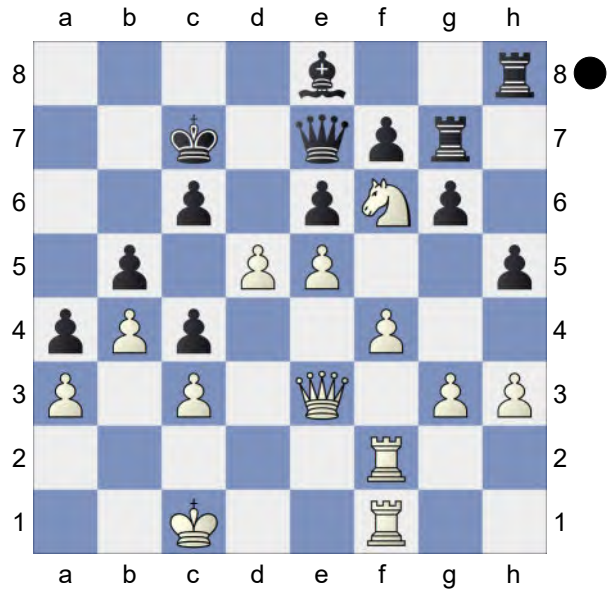
32.Nf6? 1.60/19

[32.d5+- 5.14/20 and White stays clearly on top. Intending Qa7+ and mate. Kb8 33.dxe6]

32...Rg7? 5.11/22
[32...Bd7± 1.60/19 33.g4 *(33.Nxg8 Rxg8 34.g4 Kb7+-)* 33...Kb7 34.Nxg8 Rxg8]



33.d5!



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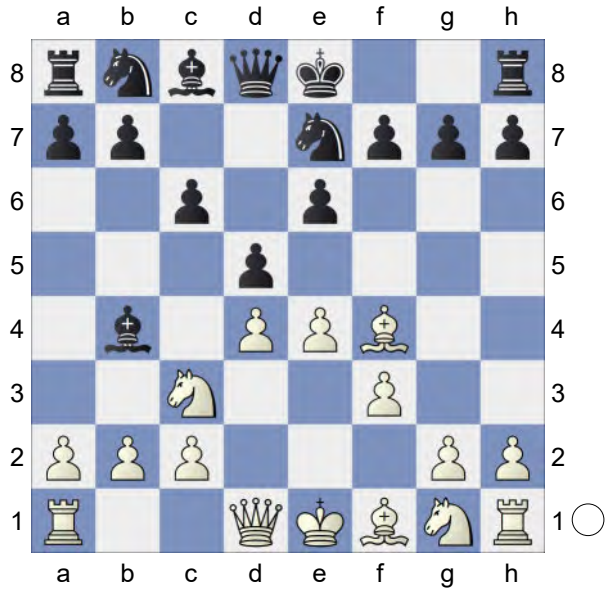
87 **B12**
□ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2674**
■ **Demchenko,Anton** **2597**
EU-ch 21st Reykjavik (4) 29.08.2021
[Demchenko,Anton]

(90min+30sec)/40+(30min+30sec)
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Before this round, five players had 3 points out of 3. Matthias and I were in the next group with 2.5 points. Therefore this game was important for the struggle for leadership. I wanted to surprise my opponent by an unexpected opening choice ... **1.e4** 2:38 **c6** 15 There will be no KID today! I started to play 1...d5 recently and, as I understood, this move is also not so bad ... **2.d4** 50 **d5** 10 One more surprise. Until this game, I had played the Queen's Gambit Accepted only in internet blitz games. Despite this, Matthias played the next few moves quickly. **3.f3** 7 **e6** 12 **4.Nc3** 6 **Bb4** 3 **5.Bf4** 5 **Ne7** 5



6.Qd3 7 **b6** 5 **7.Nge2** 3:14 **Ba6** 1:06 **8.Qe3** 1:43 Say fairly, I totally forgot to repeat this line during my preparation. I remembered only that black must play very precisely. Probably the main move here is ...Na5 or ...? I started to think. After 12-minutes calculation I realized that to play ...Na5 without knowing all possible lines would be some kind of suicide. So I chose **8...c5N** 11:59

[I also calculated 8...Nd7 , suggested by the engine. Then 9.0-0-0 Rc8 10.g4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Re8 14.Bd6 Ra8 15.Rde1 Nf6 16.Bg3 c5 17.Nb5 cxd4 18.Qxd4 dxe4 19.Qf2 Qd5 20.Nc7 Qa2 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Qd4 e5 23.Qxe5 Ned5 0-1 (36) 7 Bc4,1 (2510)-Classical 6...Ne4 (2609) Gistrup 1996 (1.2)]

[8...0-0 9.0-0-0 c5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Nd7 The Fantasy Variation-Shattered Dreams 12.Bg3 Bb7 13.Qe3 Rc8 14.h4 a6 15.h5 cxd4 16.Qxd4 e5 17.Qd2 h6 18.Kb1 b5 19.Nc1 Qc7 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Bd3 N7b6 Fantasy Variation-N,N]

9.a3 35 **Bxc3+** 1:01

[9...cxd4 10.Qxd4 Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3 Bxf1 I was not impressed by 12.Rxf1 with same idea, because white can trade rooks - 0-0 13.exd5 Nbc6 14.Qd3 . Nevertheless, with the queens on the board, Black has compensation. Now I think that it was the best option .The engine suggestion is 14...Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 , but after 16.0-0-0 Black figths only for a draw.]

10.Qxc3! 9:07 Matthias thought about 9 minutes here, but I had no doubts that he would play that move. It is the only way to fight for an advantage. **10...cxd4** 26

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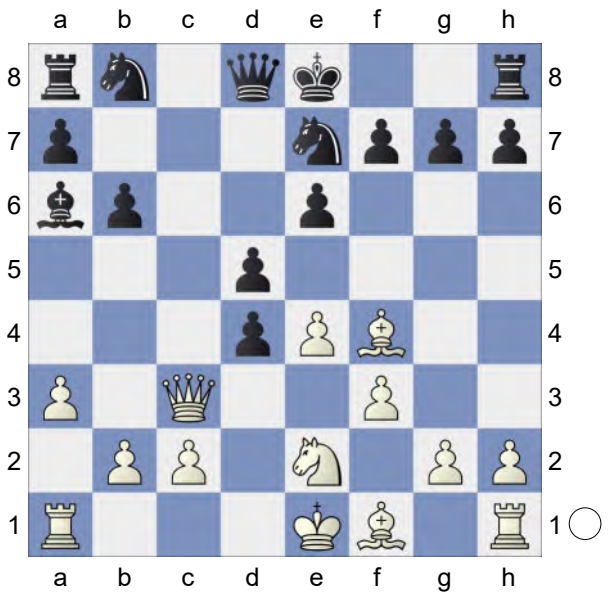


Surprisingly, this move already is a novelty. **11.Nxd4** 4:22

[The second line of the engine is a move in human style: 11.Qxd4 . I like it more than first option, despite the fact that the evaluation here is "only" +1 in white`s favour. Actually, this illustrates that white`s choice is not so easy. 0-0?? , which seems very strong, just loses: 12.0-0-0 Nbc6 13.Qa4 Qc8]

11...Bxf1! 14:22 I`m satisfied that I found this concept over the board. Now White can win an exchange, but Black will have a pawn and active pieces as a compensation. **12.Rxf1** 18:41 **Qd7!** 23

[12...0-0 was also possible. However, after 13.0-0-0 Qc8 1.77/24 *(13...Qd7± 0.49/19)* 14.Qxc8+- Black has good compensation. Last but not least - the engine still insists on deep prophylaxis - 14...Rxc8! The first line of the engine is... 15.Bd6! And I almost can`t explain, why. The only things which comes to mind is that Black eventually wants to play ...g6-g5, followed by ... Ne6-f4. And White prevents it at the cost of creating a hanging pawn on g4. This is one of the most original prophylactic moves which I have seen. The evaluation is around +1.5, but this is the last thing which a human wants to know over the board in such cases.]

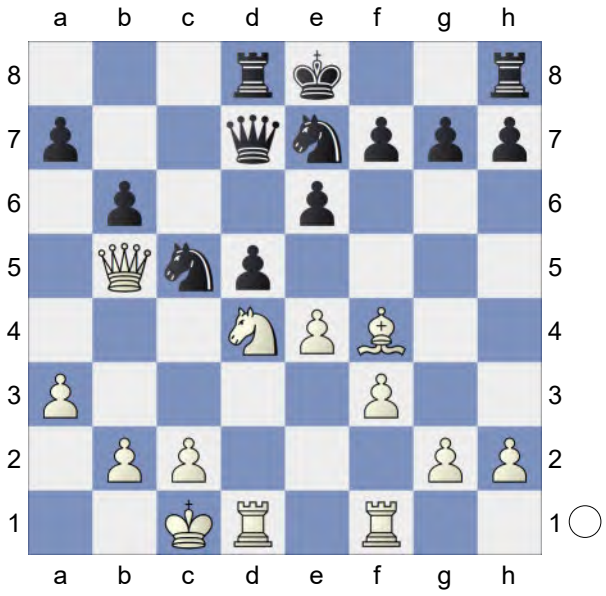
13.0-0-0 10:05 **Na6** 32

[13...0-0 14.Qc7? Hoping for Qxd7. Rd8 For instance, after 15.Qxd7 , Rxd7! seems very strong. 16.Rd2□ and now *(16.Bg5* -0.11/21 16.Rfe1 0.47 *f6=* But there is a psychological problem: with an extra exchange it`s hard to force yourself to look only for a draw. In addition, Black can keep up the tension: 27...Qa3!? instead of 27...f5.*)* 16...Ng6 leads to an endgame with an extra pawn for Black, but White has huge drawing chances: 17.Bxb8 Rxb8 18.Rfd1 dxe4 19.fxe4]

14.Qd3 2:32 **Nc5** 4:20 **15.Qb5**

[15.Qe2 simplifies 0-0 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Bg3]

15...Rd8! 1:16



The forced line ended, but the situation did not become clear. During the game I

believed that in a practical sense, Black has good compensation, not least because White has to choose between several good options. But over the board you can chose only one! Now I think that objectively White is better, but not much better. **16.Bc7** 4:46 **Rc8** 33 **17.Bg3** 13:10 **h5** 4:26

[17...Rd8! 1.23/21 17...Nb7 0.59 allowed White to fight for equality, according to the engine. Don`t ask me why and what the difference is. 18.b4 0.50/22 gives nothing: *(18.Rfe1± 1.23/21)* 18...Na4!± and 19.Rd3? is impossible because of]

18.Rfe1 1:32 **h4** 9:47 **19.Bd6** 1:58 **Rh5** 6

[19...Qxb5! keeps a chances for equality. The explanation is that white prevents Re2. 20.Nxb5 a6 1.53/23 *(⌓20...dxe4 1.10/22 21.fxe4 a6 22.Nc7+ Kf8)* and 21.Na7± . I hope that sometime I will be able to see the difference between such options and the move in the game. But now I at least can explain, why 21...Ra8! was the only move. White is trying to trade one of these strong black knights! The bad news is that it is difficult to understand why the position after 22.Bxe7 Kxe7 23.Nc6+ Kd6 24.exd5 is about equal. Howewer, the engine says so.]

20.Qxd7+ 3

[20.Kb1 is more complex. Qxb5 21.Nxb5 a6 22.Nc7+]

20...Kxd7 47

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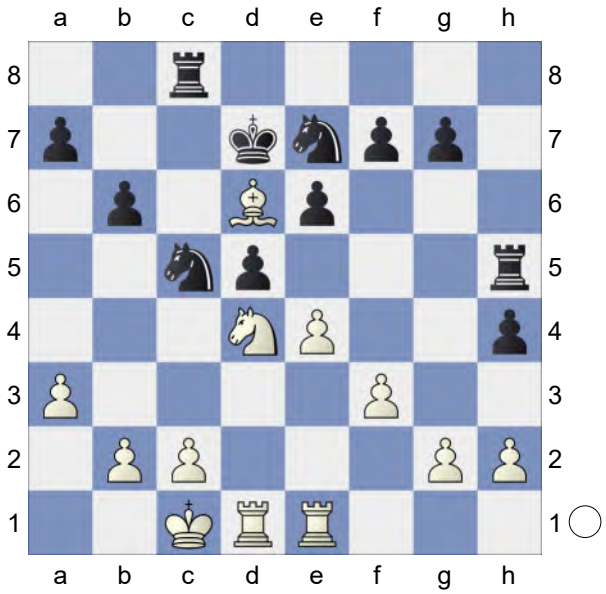
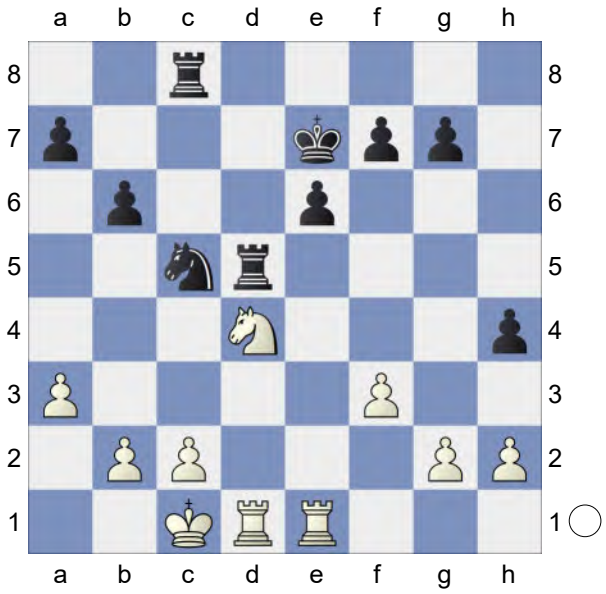
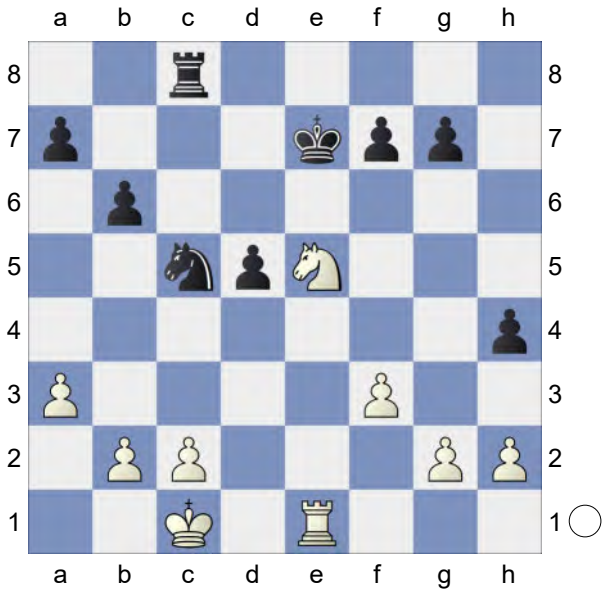


21.Bxe7 1:03 Another critical position in this game. **21...Kxe7** 20:01 Interesting, but a dubious move. Black sacrificed a pawn for the possibility to set his knight on e6. I was hoping that after this it would be possible to create some kind of an attack on the white king. On the other hand, **22.exd5** 1:42 **Rxd5□** 1:21



23.Nc6+ 2:31 Double Attack **23...Kd7!** 10 Now the knight stays on a protected square and is ready to go to f4 at the right moment. **24.Rxd5+?** 5:58 This is already a mistake. **24...exd5±**

2:20 Endgame. KRN-KRN Now the position is equal, according to the engine! In practice It means that White with an extra exchange is in the danger zone.
25.Ne5+ 6:16 White tries to avoid the ... Rd8 threat, but now the black knight will jump on f4 with a tempo. **25...Ke7** 9:41



26.Nc6+?! 28 Discovered Attack (Double Check)Not the best, but it is difficult to suggest a reasonable option for white. **26...Kd7** 6:05 **27.Nxa7** 5 **Nd3+** 1.29/24 1:29
[27...Rc7!± 0.32/20 28.Nb5 Nd3+ 29.Kd2 Nxe1 30.Nxc7 Nxf3+ 31.Ke3 *(31.gxf3 Kxc7 32.f4 Kd6=)* 31...Nxh2 32.Nxd5 b5]
28.Kd2± 14 **Nxe1** 3:24 After grabbing a second pawn, Black already fights for the advantage. White`s position is very dangerous because of two black knights near White's king. As a rule, queen + knight is a good team in an attack. What about queen + two knights? **29.Nxc8** 1:01 **Nxg2** 20 **30.Nxb6+** 1:07 KN-KN **30...Kc6** 13

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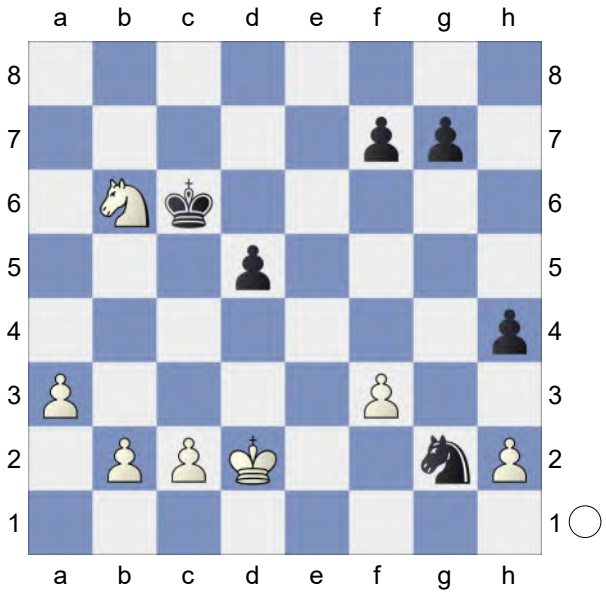

31.Na4 1:27 **g5** 2:10 **32.Nc3!** 37 **f5** 34 We both had little time on our clocks, so I decided to repeat moves two times. **33.Ne2** 2 **Kc5** 2:27 Prevents Nd4 **34.Nc1** 2 **d4** 1:10 **35.b3?** 0.35/21 6:51 Objectively it is a decisive mistake. However, it is hard to find the right move even with enough time on the clock.
[Better is 35.Nd3+± 0.90/19 Kd6 36.Ke2]
35...Kd5?! 1.12/20 52 Literally each move is a mistake or an inaccuracy. Instead of this, Stockfish suggests three moves which were much better and gave black a decisive advantage. These were:
[35...Nf4± 0.35/21]

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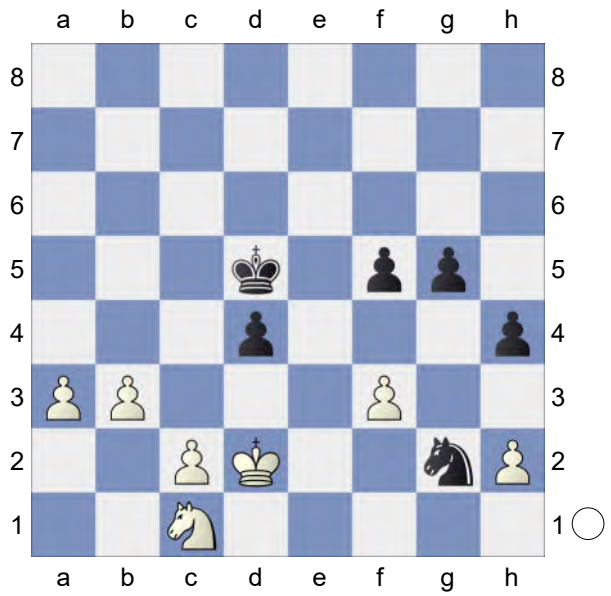
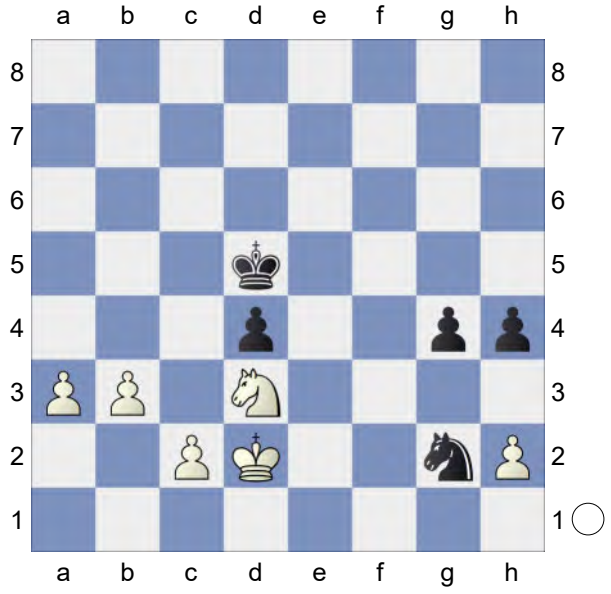


36.Nd3! 1 **g4** 1:00 **37.fxg4?** 0.84/22 2:00 White is in trouble again. Instead of this, only

[⌓37.Ke2 1.24/23]

37...fxg4 55



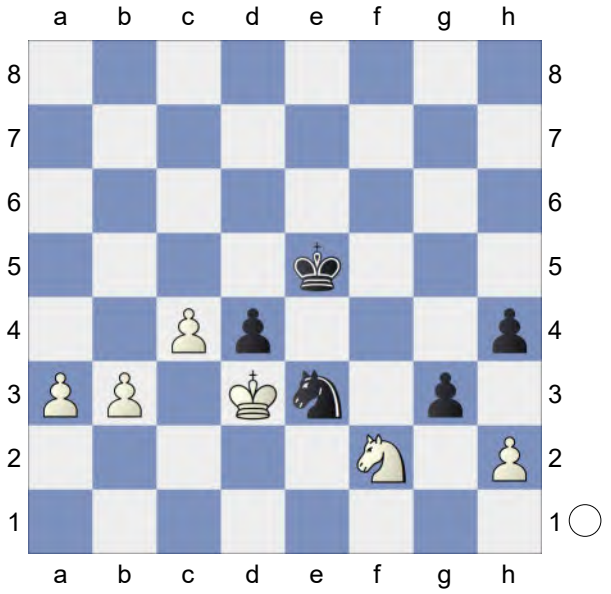
The human move is enough for a big advantage. **38.Nf2?** 0.01/22 35 Reflex move. With a loss of the f2 pawn, the gates to the fortress of white`s king are open.

[38.Ke2!± 0.99/23]

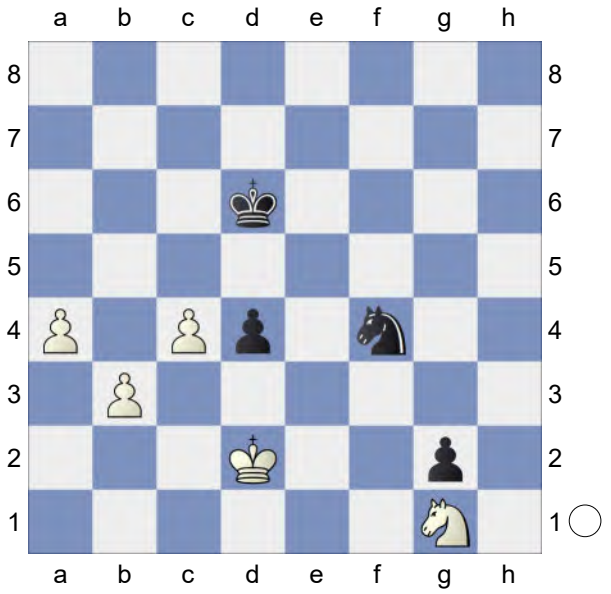
38...Ne3!= 1 The position is equal. Now it is over.

[38...g3? 39.hxg3 hxg3 40.Nh1+-]

39.c4+ 4 **Ke5** 2:29 **40.Kd3** 24 **g3** 57



41.hxg3 30:43 **hxg3** 2:08 **42.Nh3** 0 **Ng2** 11:11 ...Nf4+ would now be deadly. **43.Ng1** 0 Black must now prevent Nf3+. **43...Nf4+** 6:47 The choice here is a matter of taste. **44.Kd2** 0 **g2** 3:44 **45.a4** 0 **Kd6** 1:01



46.b4 0 **d3** 11 **47.Nf3** 0 **Ng6** 32 White resigned. This game was important for me to gain confidence. In addition, it allowed me to enter the leading group. What to say more? I tried

to not give a long engine analysis in my comments. Instead of this, I focused on explaining the psychological and critical moments of the game. I really like a sentense of David Bronstein, who said once: "Options are interesting if they reveal the beauty of chess; they are useless if they go beyond what a person can practically calculate; options are harmful if they want to replace the study and explanation of such positions where the outcome of the struggle is decided by intuition, imagination and talent". More stubborn was a calm move **48.Ng1!** and then it is a question if Black is able to find a way for a win over the board.

[48.Kxd3 Ne5+ 49.Ke3 Nxf3 Remove Defender *(49...Nxc4+ 50.Ke2=)* 50.Kxf3 g1Q *(50...g1R? 51.Ke4-+)* 51.Kf4 Qd4+ 52.Kf5 Qe5+ *(52...Qxc4* leads to mate. *53.a5 Qd5+ 54.Kf4 Qd4+ 55.Kf3 Ke5 56.a6 Qe4+ 57.Kg3 Qe3+ 58.Kh2 Qf2+ 59.Kh1 Kf4 60.b5 Kf3 61.b6 Qg2#)* 53.Kg4 Qe4+ 54.Kg3 Qe3+ *(54...Qxc4 55.b5 Ke5 56.b6 Qf4+ 57.Kg2 Qe4+ 58.Kg3 Qe3+ 59.Kg4 Qf2 60.Kh5 Qf5+ 61.Kh6 Kf6 62.b7 Qh3#)* 55.Kg4 Ke5 56.a5 Ke4 57.c5 Qf4+ 58.Kh3 Kf3 59.c6 Qh6#]

Nevertheless, the engine says that **48...Ke5?** 3.50/24 was much better, but with little time on the clock I was unable to calculate it.

[48...Ne5= 0.00/28 and Black stays safe.]

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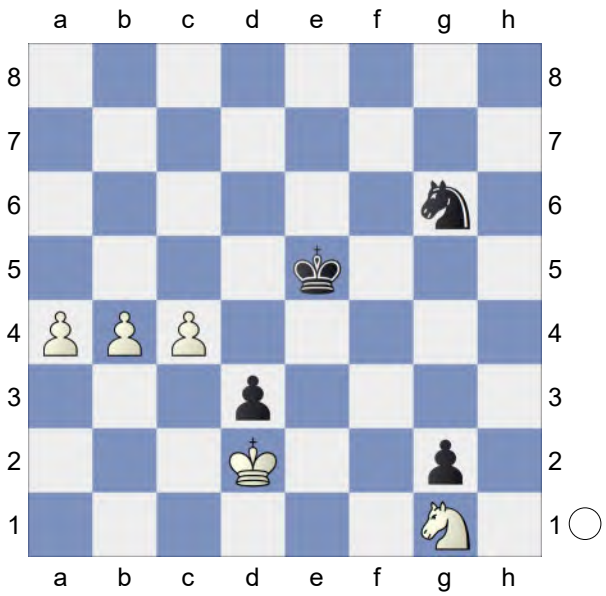

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88 **B12**
□ **Zvjaginsev,Vadim** **2614**
■ **Dreev,Alexey** **2647**
European Hybrid Qual 2021 (3.1) 28.5.21
[Krasenkow,Michal]

Krasenkow,Michal, MH: 'C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4
' **1.e4** Krasenkow,Michal, MH **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e5** Krasenkow,Michal, MH: 'N'
[5.Bd2 Krasenkow,Michal, MH Ne7 6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3 b5 8.e5 Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nce2 Bb6 11.f4 a5 12.Nf3 Solak,D (2547)-Bologan,V (2668) Sarajevo 2010]
[5.Bf4 Krasenkow,Michal, MH Ne7 *(5...Nf6 6.Qd3 c5 7.dxc5 dxe4 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.0-0-0+ Nbd7 10.Nb5 Bxc5 11.Bd6 Bxd6 12.Nxd6 Ke7 13.fxe4 Nc5 14.e5 Ng4 15.b4 Nd7 16.Bb5 Ndxe5 17.Nf3 Rd8 18.h3 Nxf3 19.hxg4 Ng5 20.Nc4* ½-½ Lappage,J (2189)-Zdebskaja,N (2261) WY ol Kuala Lumpur MAS 2002 (3) *)* 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 0-0 9.0-0-0 c5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Bxe2 12.Bxe2 c4 13.h4 b5 14.Qe1 Nbc6 15.h5 Qd7 16.g4 f6 17.Bf1 Rad8 18.Bh3 dxe4 19.fxe4 Nxd4 1-0 Morozevich,A (2732)-Bologan,V (2665) RUS-chT 11th 2004 (2.1)]
[5.a3 Krasenkow,Michal, MH Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 dxe4 7.Nh3 exf3 8.Qxf3 Qd5 9.Qg3 Ne7 10.Bd3 Quickstarter Guide-Caro Kann Fantasy: 3...e6 #2]
5...c5

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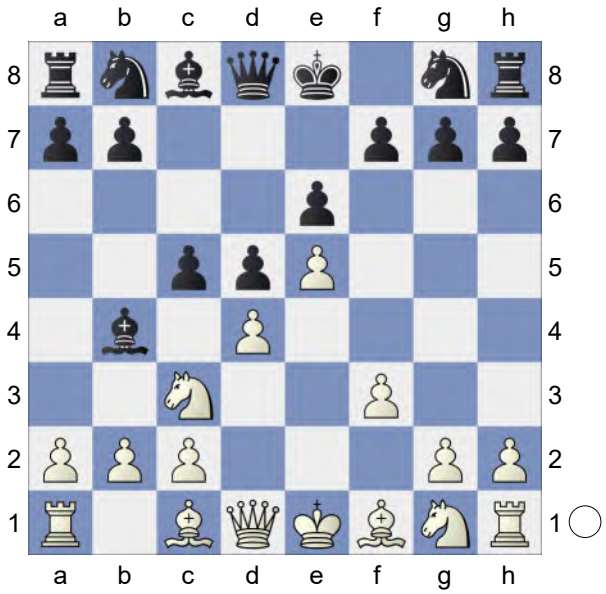

6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Ne7 8.f4 With a transposition - a rare line of the French Defence. **8...b6** A typical idea in this system - trading the light-square bishops. **9.Nf3** Just ignoring Black's plan. Alternatively, White had two common counter-actions:
[9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bd3 - Black is fine after Ba4 , e.g. 11.Nf3 c4 12.Be2 Nbc6 13.g4 h6 14.0-0 -0.12/20 *(14.Nh4* 0.28/18 (Krasenkow,Michal, MH) is superior.*)* 14...Kd7 0.55/18 *(14...h5*= -0.12/20 Krasenkow,Michal, MH *)* 15.Rf2 Qg8 16.Nd2 h5 17.g5 Qh7∓ 0-1 (25) Nagy,H (2105)-Portisch, F (2370) Harkany 1998]
[or 9.a4!? Ba6 10.Bb5+ Bxb5 11.axb5 , which has not yet been tested in this position.]
9...Qd7 10.a4 Ba6

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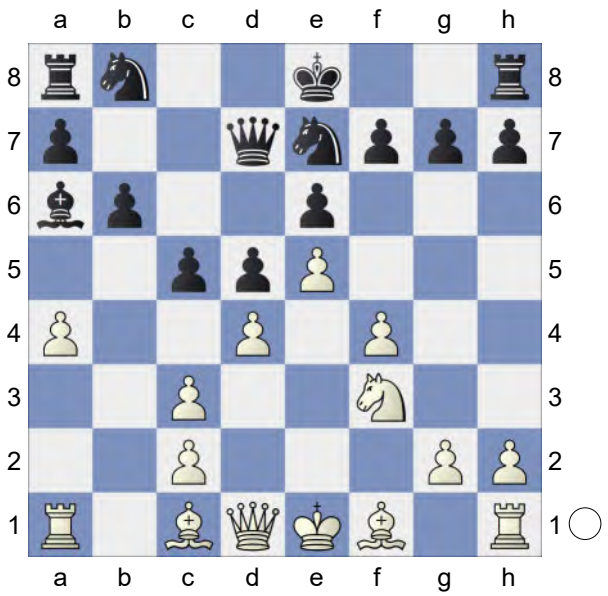

Krasenkow,Michal, MH: ' Against Bb5'
11.Bxa6 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: 'The position is equal.' **11...Nxa6** The exchange of the bad bishop is generally favourable for Black but his knight is now temporarily out of play.
12.Qe2
[Here is the pre-historical predecessor: 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Qe2 Nb8 14.Ba3 cxd4 0.28/19 *(⌓14...0-0* -0.09/18 *)* 15.Nxd4 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '=' Rc4 1/2 (50) Panagopoulos,T-Prameshuber,A Amsterdam 1954, and now White should have played 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.f5→]
12...Qb7 0.40/20 An unnecessary move.
[⌓12...Nb8 -0.01/20 Krasenkow, Michal, MH: '=' Krasenkow,Michal, MH: ' should be considered.', and if 13.Ba3 then Qxa4]
13.0-0 Rc8 14.Ba3 Nb8 15.a5?!
[15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Rab1 Qc6 17.Qb5±]
15...Nd7
[15...0-0 16.g4!→]

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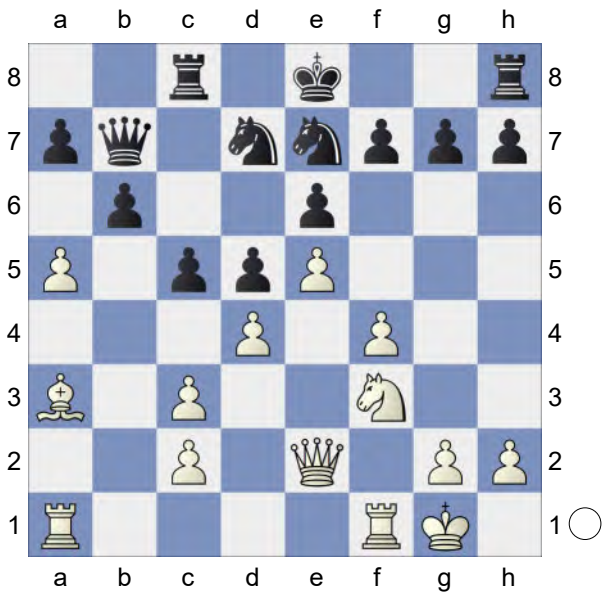
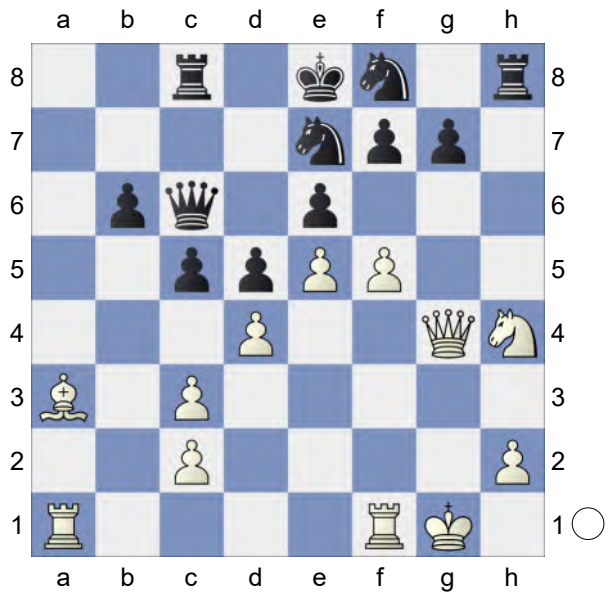


16.g4 -0.07/19 And now this is much less dangerous for Black.
[16.Nh4± 0.39/17 (Krasenkow,Michal, MH) feels stronger.]
16...Qc6 Another lost tempo.
[16...h5! 17.h3 *(17.Nh4* -0.89/20 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '17.a6 0.01' is senseless due to *hxg4 18.Qxg4 g6)* 17...hxg4 18.hxg4 bxa5∞]
17.Nh4
[17.f5! exf5 18.axb6 axb6 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.gxf5 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '!' Nxf5 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: ' White must now prevent ...0-0.' 21.Ng5 Qg6 0.63/22 *(* Better is *21...g6=* 0.01/23 Krasenkow,Michal, MH *22.e6 fxe6 23.Nxe6 Kf7 24.Ng5+ Kf6)* 22.Bc1± Krasenkow, Michal, MH: ' ±!'was too subtle to find over the board.]
17...h5 18.f5!?
[18.gxh5 Krasenkow,Michal, MH g6 19.f5 exf5∓]
18...hxg4 19.Qxg4 Nf8 20.axb6
[20.Qxg7? Krasenkow,Michal, MH Rxh4 *(20...Rg8? 21.f6-+)* 21.axb6 Nxf5-+ *(21...cxd4? 22.Bxe7+-)*]
20...axb6



21.dxc5
[21.Qxg7? Krasenkow,Michal, MH Rg8 *(21...Rxh4? 22.Qg3-+)* 22.f6 Rxg7+-+]
21...Nd7? 1.35/22 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: ' A strange move.
[There was still nothing wrong for Black after 21...bxc5∞ -0.29/24 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '=' 22.Bc1 Krasenkow,Michal, MH exf5 Deflection 23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.Rxf5 Ng6]
[or even 21...g6!?∞]

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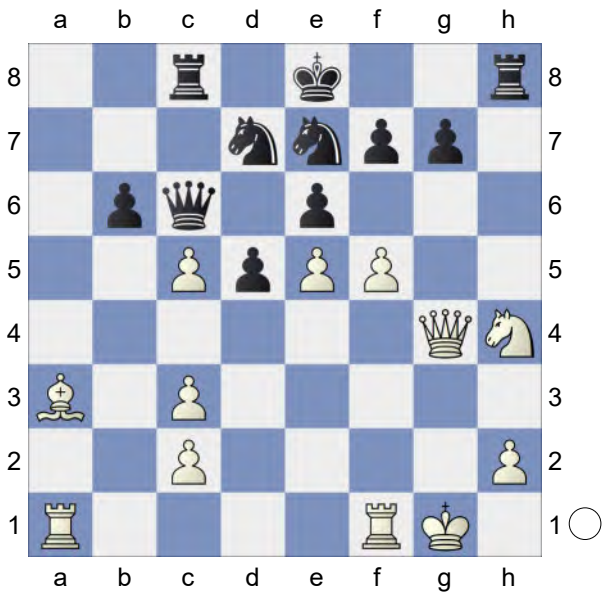
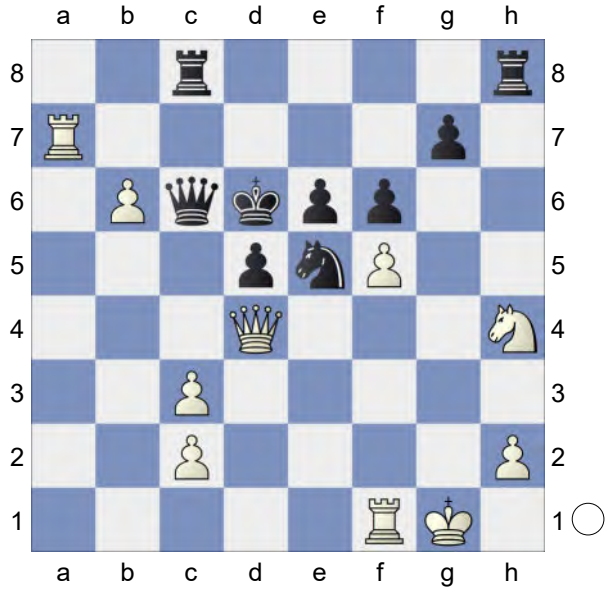


' **22.cxb6** Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '±!'
[22.Qxg7? Krasenkow,Michal, MH Rg8-+ *(22...Rxh4? 23.Qg3-+; 22...Rxh4? 23.cxb6 Qxb6+ 24.Kh1-+)*]
22...Nxe5 3.12/22 Voluntarily opening up the position of his own king.
[⌓22...Nxf5 1.72/23 Krasenkow, Michal, MH 23.Qg5 *(23.Nxf5 exf5 24.Qxf5 Qxb6+ 25.Kh1 Qe6+-)* 23...Qxb6+ *(23...Nxh4 24.Qe7#; 23...Rxh4? 24.Rxf5 Qxb6+ 25.Rf2+-)* 24.Kh1 Rxh4 *(24...Nxh4 25.Qe7#)* 25.Rxf5 Nc5 *(25...Qd8? 26.Qxg7 exf5 27.Qg8++-)*]
23.Qd4! Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '⟶!' Krasenkow,Michal, MH: ' White attacks with force.'
[23.Qxg7? Krasenkow,Michal, MH Rg8-+ *(23...Rxh4? 24.Qxe5 Rg4+ 25.Kf2-+; 23...Rxh4 24.Qxe5 Rg4+ 25.Kf2-+)*]
23...f6 3.85/20
[23...Qxc3? Krasenkow,Michal, MH 24.Qxc3 Rxc3 25.Bb2 Rxh4 26.Bxc3+-]
[⌓23...Ra8 2.50/22 Krasenkow, Michal, MH 24.Kg2 *(24.Qxe5 Qxb6+*

25.Kg2 Rxh4+-) 24...f6]

24.Bxe7 Kxe7 25.Ra7+ Krasenkow, Michal, MH: ' Skewer' **25...Kd6**

[25...Kf8 12.82/23 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '?' Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '25... Kd6 3.56' 26.Ng6+ Nxg6 27.fxg6+-]



26.fxe6

[Less strong is 26.Rxg7 Krasenkow, Michal, MH Qxc3 27.Qxc3 Rxc3 28.fxe6 Kxe6+- *(28...Rxh4? too greedy. 29.e7+-)*]

26...Rxh4 27.Qxh4 Qxc3 7.42/20 Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '

[27...Qxb6+ 3.63/21 Krasenkow, Michal, MH 28.Qd4 Qc5 29.Qxc5+ *(29.Rxg7 Kxe6 30.Kh1 Qxc3+-)* 29...Rxc5]

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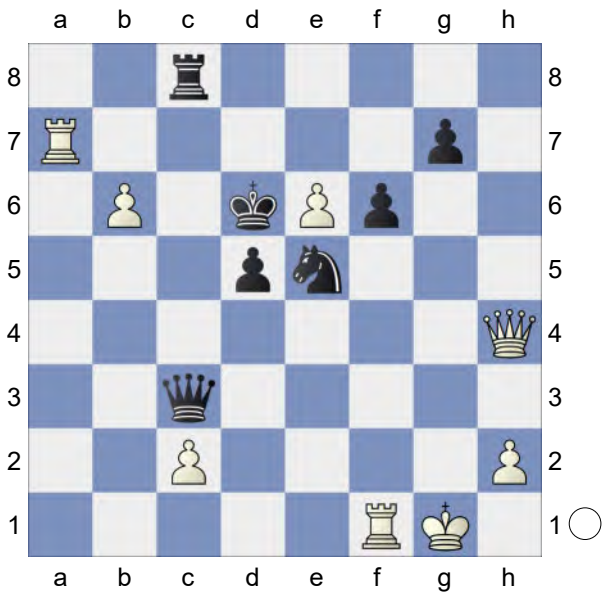
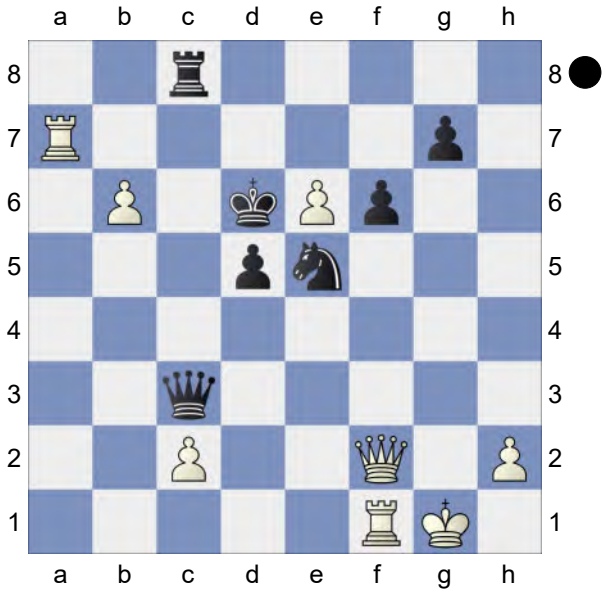


' **28.Qf2**



Krasenkow,Michal, MH: '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.48'

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89 **C18**
□ **Zvaginsjev,Vadim** **2614**
■ **Dreev,Alexey** **2647**
European Hybrid Qualifier (11) 05.2021
[Daniel Fernandez]

Daniel Fernandez,MH: 'C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4

' **1.e4** Daniel Fernandez,MH **1...c6**

[At some point we reach a position that more normally arises from a French. I will note down different French positions here with numbers and cross- reference to the notes later. 1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3

A) Note also 3...Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 *(7...cxd4! 8.Nxd4 Qb6* is considered alright for Black, e.g. Kuybokarov,T-Cheng,B Canberra 2021. *)* 8.a3!? This position can come about after the 5.Bf4 deviation. (Line 1) Daniel Fernandez,MH: 'Reaching a more-or-less normal 4.e5 French where Black has chosen the subcritical 7... Be7 and White has responded with the subcritical 8. a3. In my opinion, White benefits more from this transaction because the possibility of 7...cxd4 has been ruled out. Line' *(8.Qd2* is the more normal continuation, though a3 is also useful for White in these structures. *)*;

B) 3...Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3

B1) 5...Ba5 6.b4 and here Black's best is ...cxd4, but with the f-pawn advanced one square (as in the game) Black may also consider taking the other way. cxb4?! *(6...cxd4 7.Nb5 Bc7 8.f4±)* 7.Nb5 Nc6 *(7...a6 8.Nd6+ Kf8 9.Qf3±* Kinez,I-Hamer,I Velika Gorica 2010 *)* 8.Bd2**±** Black's position is rather suspect.;

B2) 5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3

B2a) 6...Qa5 7.Bd2 Qa4 8.f4 Black can probably do better than ...Ne7, e.g. *(8.h4!* scores excellently for White.*)* 8...b6= *(8...Ne7* Line *)*;

B2b) 6...Qc7 is one way to encourage Qg4 more strongly. White having the f-pawn advanced one square would lack that option as well as the second most-played move, Nf3.;

B2c) 6...Ne7 7.f4 Main game *(* The current trend is *7.h4* and the main line is 7. Qg4, but I will try and avoid venturing too far into JW's territory by commenting on those variations. *)*]

2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4

[The text is more logical and has more enduring popularity than my suggestion 4...Qb6 5.a3 Be7 *(5...Nd7!)* 6.Be3 Nd7 7.Nh3 *(7.Be2!?* is decent prophylaxis against ... Ngf6 and leaves White some chances of an advantage.*)* 7...Ngf6 8.Nf2 0-0**∞** van Foreest,J-Howell,D INT 2021]

[4...Nf6 Several other alternatives can be seen in the archives.]

[4...b5!?]

[4...b6]

5.e5 A not exceptionally popular move: normally White reserves this for cases where Black has played ... Nf6. But as the lines show, that may never happen

and White does not have all that many indisputably useful moves to make in the meantime. Daniel Fernandez,MH: 'N'

[5.Bd2

A) 5...Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.f4 c5 Black grimly held on for a draw in what at this point simply looked like a bad French, Asadli, V-Suleymanli, A Nakhchivan 2021.;

B) 5...Ne7 6.a3 Bd6 *(6...Ba5 Daniel Fernandez,MH 7.Bd3 b5 8.e5 Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nce2 Bb6 11.f4 a5 12.Nf3 Solak,D (2547)-Bologan,V (2668) Sarajevo 2010)* 7.e5 Bc7 8.f4 b6 9.Nf3 Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.Qe2 Nb8 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.g4 h5 14.h3± Asis Gargatagli,H-Ghosh,D INT 2021;

C) I've also given 5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 for Black before, with a position where maybe White's f3-pawn looks out of place.;

D) 5...b6! was seen in Zvjaginsev,V-Grigoriants,S Rijeka 2010 -a game by the same White player, a full 11 years before the present encounter. Look up Gawain's notes in the archive.]

[We have considered 5.Nge2 in the notes to Gazik-Blohberger in the archives.]

[5.Qd3 creates a strange impression if played before ...Nf6, and I don't think this is a real way to fight for an advantage. Ne7 6.Bf4 b6 Daniel Fernandez,MH: '!' Daniel Fernandez,MH: 'transposing to 5. Qd3 above.' *(6...Nd7!?)* 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 Nd7 *(8...0-0 Daniel Fernandez,MH 9.0-0-0 c5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Bxe2 12.Bxe2 c4 13.h4 b5 14.Qe1 Nbc6 15.h5 Qd7 16.g4 f6 17.Bf1 Rad8 18.Bh3 dxe4 19.fxe4 Nxd4 20.g5 f5 21.Kb1 Qc6 22.h6 fxe4 23.Qc3 1-0 Morozevich,A (2732)-Bologan,V (2665) RUS-chT 11th 2004 (2.1))* 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Nxc3 Bxf1 11.Rxf1 0-0 12.Kf2?! The opening had been pretty accurate by both sides until this moment. dxe4 13.fxe4 e5∓ Kuzmicz,K-Rodshtein,M Katowice 2017]

[5.Bf4

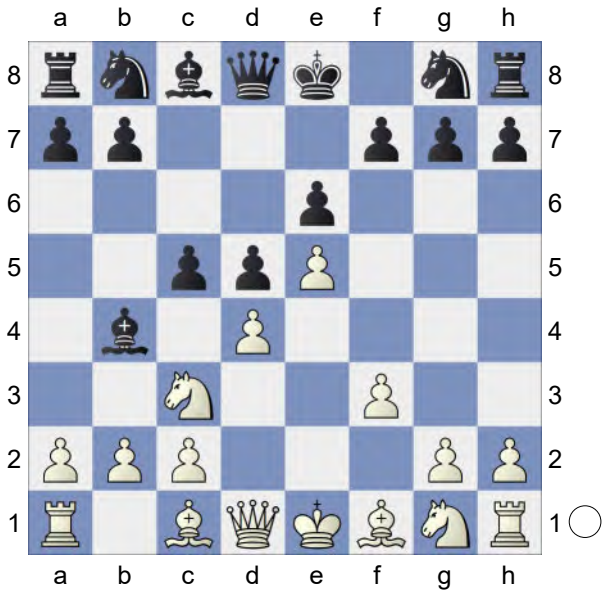
A) 5...Nf6 can also be played if Black would like to further the French analogy, but it is perhaps a minor mistake. 6.e5 *(6.Qd3 Daniel Fernandez,MH c5 7.dxc5 dxe4 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.0-0-0+ Nbd7 10.Nb5 Bxc5 11.Bd6 Bxd6 12.Nxd6 Ke7 13.fxe4 Nc5 14.e5 Ng4 15.b4 Nd7 16.Bb5 Ndxe5 17.Nf3 Rd8 18.h3 Nxf3 19.hxg4 Ng5 20.Nc4 Bd7 ½-½ Lappage,J (2189)-Zdebskaja,N (2261) WY ol Kuala Lumpur MAS 2002 (3))* 6...Nfd7 7.a3 Be7 *(7...Ba5 8.b4 Bc7 9.Bg3±)* 8.Be3 c5 9.f4 Nc6 10.Nf3 Reaching a more-or-less normal 4.e5 French where Black has chosen the subcritical 7...Be7 and White has responded with the subcritical 8. a3. In my opinion, White benefits more from this transaction because the possibility of 7...cxd4 has been ruled out. Line;

B) 5...Ne7! 6.Qd2 *(6.Qd3 b6! transposing to 5. Qd3 above.)* 6...0-0 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.a3 Ba5= Black even went on to win in Ott,P-Markus,R ICCF email 2016: possibly the clearest sign that there are no problems here.]

[5.a3 Daniel Fernandez,MH Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 dxe4 7.Nh3 exf3 8.Qxf3 Qd5 9.Qg3 Ne7 10.Bd3 Quickstarter Guide-Caro Kann Fantasy: 3...e6 #2]

5...c5

[5...Ne7 is another French-like continuation. 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 b6 8.a4 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 and perhaps here in Erigaisi, A-Melkumyan,H INT 2020 White could have improved by 10.Ne2 with g4 and maybe even h4-h5 to follow.]



6.a3 We have reached a Winawer where White has the rather dubious distinction of including f2-f3 for free. In a couple more moves White will make this look normal by placing that pawn on the more constructive f4-square.

6...Bxc3+

[As in the Winawer proper, 6...Ba5!? deserves consideration. The best answer seems to be 7.b4 cxb4! *(7...cxd4 8.Nb5 Bc7 9.f4!* with an exact transposition to a line generally considered better for White-Line Daniel Fernandez,MH: ' ±') 8.Nb5 a6 9.Nd6+ Kf8 10.Ne2 Nc6_]

7.bxc3 Ne7

[My brief comments on the French analogies above led me to the conclusion that probably 7...Qc7 is most principled for Black. White lacks both Qg4 and Nf3 compared to the version with the f-pawn back at home. The only compensation seems to be an ability to go for the rather original 8.Kf2!? which is suggested by my engine- maybe the first time I've seen the king leave the back rank before any of the other pieces remaining on the board in an opening! b6 *(8...cxd4 9.cxd4±* gains Black nothing in the absence of . ..Qc3 tactics. *)* 9.a4 Ne7 10.h4_]

8.f4 Daniel Fernandez,MH: 'Main game'

[Of course here 8.h4 would be patently illogical since at some moment f4 will need to be played anyway.]

8...b6

[8...Nbc6 9.Nf3 narrows down Black's options but not White's. Now it is harder to think about ...Bd7-a4 or . ..Ba6 plans.]

[8...Qa5!? 9.Bd2 Qa4 Line 10.Qb1 c4 11.Nf3 Nbc6=]

9.Nf3 Qd7

[9...Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 looks more flexible for Black, but it is not so clear how to actually use this flexibility since White will play a4 and Ba3 next anyway. On the other hand, forcing White to play a4 immediately (i.e. before castling) leads to some very small tempo problems for Black, as we will see.]

10.a4 Of course, White will not allow the queen to a4. **10...Ba6**

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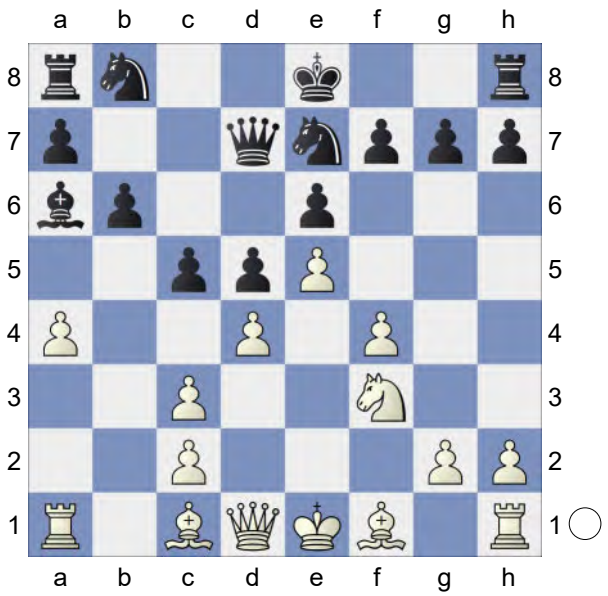


Daniel Fernandez,MH: ' Dodges Bb5' **11.Bxa6** Daniel Fernandez,MH: 'The position is equal.' **11...Nxa6 12.Qe2 Qb7?!** 0.38/20 This seems a little too idealistic.

[12...c4 0.47/20 The idea was to try and provoke this move, which the computer doesn't see any issue with but after Daniel Fernandez,MH: '12... Nb8 0.00 The idea was to try and provoke this move, which the computer doesn't see any issue with but after' 13.0-0∞ it is far from obvious to a human how to stop the f4- pawn from being advanced in about 5 moves time.]

[12...Nb8! -0.03/21 was the 'French' move, but I wouldn't be too surprised if Black rejected this in view of Daniel Fernandez,MH: '=' 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.c4!? when it feels like the bishop is about to prove its worth. The engine, of course, is unimpressed and tells us that dxc4 15.0-0 Nbc6= is level.]

13.0-0

[13.Qb5+!? Nc6 14.0-0 Nc7 15.Qd3±]

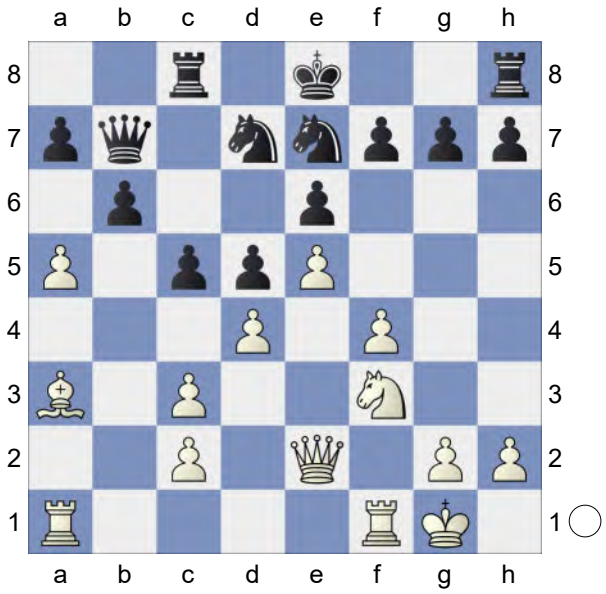
13...Rc8 14.Ba3 Nb8 15.a5

Reducing White's pawn islands will never be a bad idea.

[15.c4!? looks perfect, except that Black can reply with Qa6 when the next step is not so obvious at all.]

[15.Nh4± with the idea of a quick f5 is also nice for White.]

15...Nd7



16.g4

[16.f5!? -0.03/21 is playable, but ends up looking a bit too ambitious. Daniel Fernandez,MH: '16.dxc5 0.39 is playable, but ends up looking a bit too ambitious.' Nxf5 17.Ng5 0-0 18.Qd3 h6 Daniel Fernandez,MH: '!' 19.g4 Daniel Fernandez,MH: '!' hxg5 20.gxf5 exf5∞]

[16.a6 Qc6 and compared to 15.c4, White has solved the problem of ... Qa6 resources. So 17.c4 dxc4 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Nd2± is playable, with fair pressure on Black's centre.]

16...Qc6 17.Nh4 h5 18.f5

[18.gxh5 Daniel Fernandez,MH g6∓]

18...hxg4 19.Qxg4 Nf8

[The computer offers the cynical 19...exf5 20.Nxf5 Nxf5 21.Rxf5 Qe6! when White's two kingside major

pieces don't actually promise anything since Black is ready for ...g6 or even ...Rh4. 22.Qxg7 Qxf5 23.Qxh8+ Nf8=]

20.axb6

[20.Qxg7? Daniel Fernandez,MH Rxh4 *(20...Rg8? 21.f6-+)* 21.Qg5 Rh8 *(21...Nxf5 22.Rxf5* Remove Defender *exf5 23.Qxh4∓)* 22.fxe6 Qxe6-+ *(22...Nxe6? 23.Qf6-+)*]

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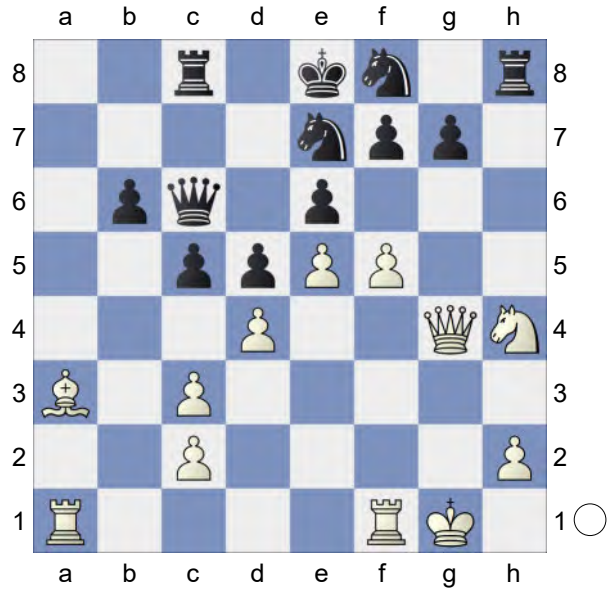
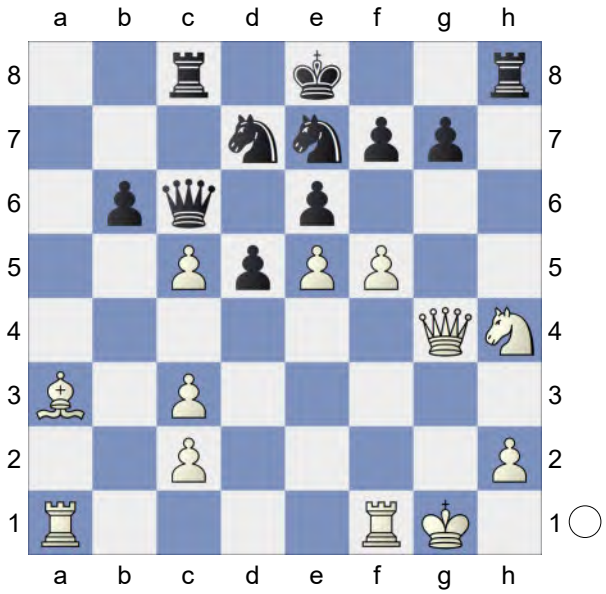


21.dxc5

[21.Qxg7? Daniel Fernandez,MH Rxh4 *(21...Rg8? 22.f6-+)* 22.Qg5 Rh8 *(22...Nxf5 23.Rxf5* Remove Defender *exf5 24.Qxh4∓)* 23.fxe6 Qxe6-+ *(23...Nxe6? 24.Qf6-+)*]

21...Nd7? 1.33/21 Black offered a draw. Daniel Fernandez,MH: '

[As quite often, the move that accompanied the draw offer was wrong. 21...bxc5 -0.25/23 Daniel Fernandez,MH: '=' 22.Bc1 and the position remains balanced. Rc7 Daniel Fernandez,MH]



Black offered a draw.' **22.cxb6+-** Simply opening up the a3-bishop. Surely Black had calculated something out here, but it turns out not to work. The game ended quite abruptly: Daniel Fernandez,MH: '**±**!'

[22.Qxg7? Daniel Fernandez,MH Rg8-+ *(22...Rxh4? 23.cxb6 Qxb6+ 24.Kh1-+; 22...Rxh4? 23.Rf2-+)*]

22...Nxe5 3.00/21 Daniel Fernandez, MH: '?' Daniel Fernandez,MH: ' Black cannot hold the game after this.'

[22...Nxf5**±** 1.29/21 Daniel Fernandez, MH 23.Nxf5 exf5 24.Qxf5 *(24.Qxg7 Qxb6+ 25.Kh1 Qh6+-)* 24...Qxb6+ 25.Kh1 Qe6]

23.Qd4 Daniel Fernandez,MH: '+-'

[23.Qxg7? Daniel Fernandez,MH Rg8-+ *(23...Rxh4? 24.Qxe5 Rg4+ 25.Kf2-+; 23...Rxh4? 24.fxe6 Rg4+ 25.Qxg4-+)*]

23...f6

[23...Qxc3? (Daniel Fernandez,MH) too greedy. 24.Qxc3 Rxc3 25.b7+-]

24.Bxe7 Kxe7 25.Ra7+ Daniel Fernandez,MH: ' Skewer'

25...Kd6

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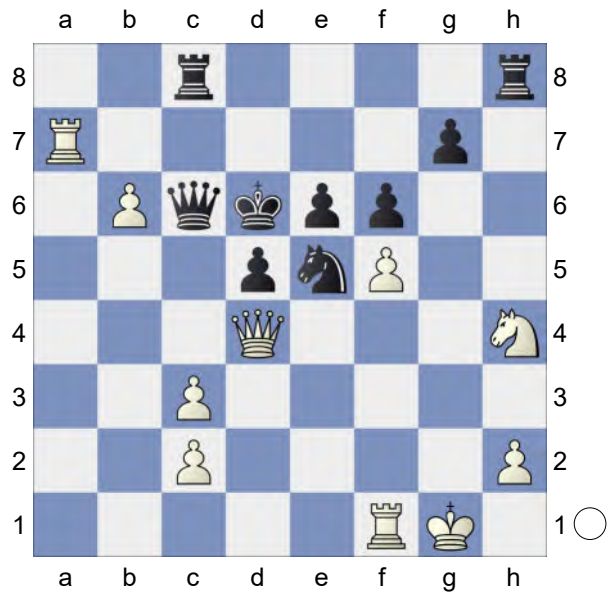

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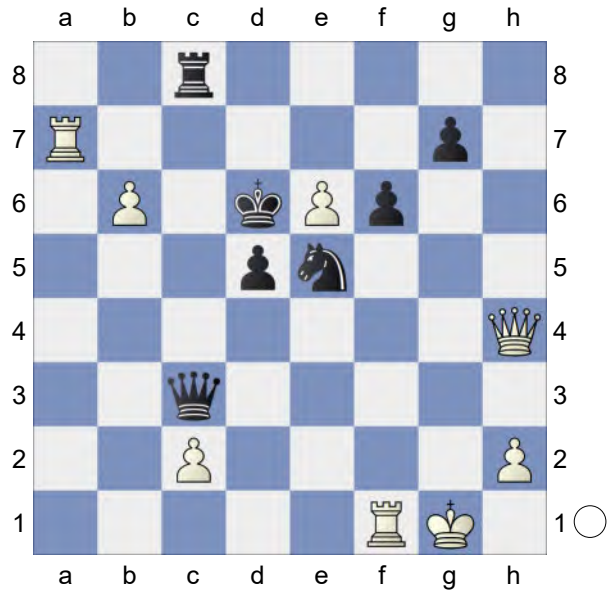
26...Rxh4 27.Qxh4 Qxc3 7.93/20

Daniel Fernandez,MH: '

[27...Qxb6+ 2.96/20 Daniel Fernandez,MH 28.Qd4 Qc5 29.Rxg7 Kxe6]



' **28.Qf2**

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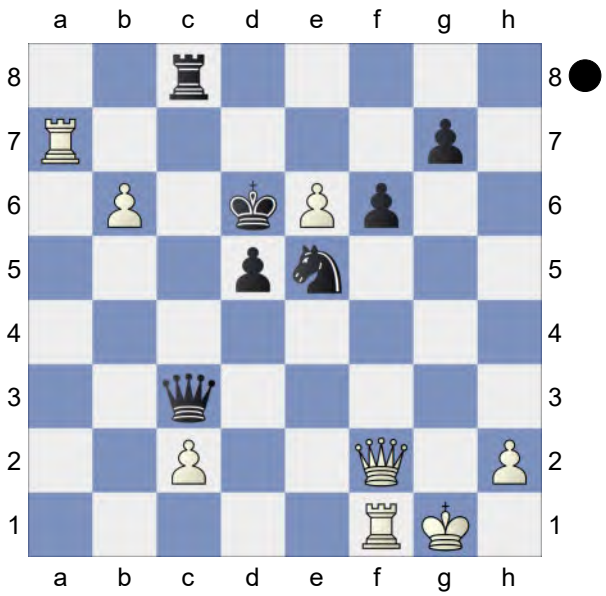

Daniel Fernandez,MH: '

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90 **B12**
□ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2715**
■ **Kobalia,Mikhail** **2587**
Dvoretsky Mem 2021 (4.2) 10.02.2021
[Justin Tan]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 This move has hardly been seen on our site. It was most extensively covered by Gawain in 2010 (Zvjaginsev - Grigoriants) and it was recently mentioned in passing by Dan as the top engine choice. **5...Nf6**

[5...b6 6.a3!? *(6.Nh3* makes a lot of sense too, not having to worry about sacrificing the pawn. However, considering this system is called the Fantasy Variation, why wouldn't you sacrifice it?!*; 6.Nce2* Zvjaginsev,V (2643) -Grigoriants,S (2562) 1-0 (24) Rijeka 2010 *Be7!?∞* and ...c5 will follow. *)* 6...Bxc3 7.Bxc3 dxe4 8.Nh3 *(8.d5 Nf6 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.fxe4* gives White the tiniest pull, but Black should be fairly happy here. *)* 8...exf3 9.Qxf3 Nf6 10.0-0-0∞ and we have a double-edged game. White has sufficient compensation, but not enough for an advantage.]

[5...Ne7 is always a reliable move and scores well.

A) 6.Nce2 Ba5!?∞;

B) 6.h4!?N undoubtedly has surprise value, but Black has a couple of logical defences.

B1) 6...Nd7 7.h5

B1a) 7...e5?! is a bit provocative as White's h-pawn will be dangerous on h6. 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.h6 0-0 10.Qe2!→ White will castle quickly and start generating an attack on the kingside. *(10.hxg7 Re8)*;

B1b) 7...h6 8.Nce2 Bxd2+ *(8...Ba5 9.e5 c5 10.f4 cxd4 11.Nf3↑)* 9.Qxd2 e5=;

B2) 6...0-0 7.h5 h6 8.a3 Ba5 9.Qe2 c5! 10.dxc5 Nbc6 11.0-0-0 *(11.b4? Bc7!* ...b6 is next and White's king will have nowhere to hide.*)* 11...b6!∞;

C) 6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3 Nd7 *(7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 0-0 9.Ne2* is slightly more comfortable for White, in my opinion. *)* Now I think White should try the move 8.f4!? After which, Black's most principled response is Bxc3 *(8...c5 9.e5 c4* 1/2-1/2 (31) Alonso Gonzalez,C (2422)-Voveris, S (2388) ICCF email 2017 *10.Bf1±* looks like a pretty healthy French for White.*)* 9.Bxc3 dxe4 10.Bxe4 0-0 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.0-0 with interesting territory for both sides. Black has surely equalised as they have no weaknesses and the structure is static (which favours the knight). On the other hand, White has easy play in the centre and kingside.]

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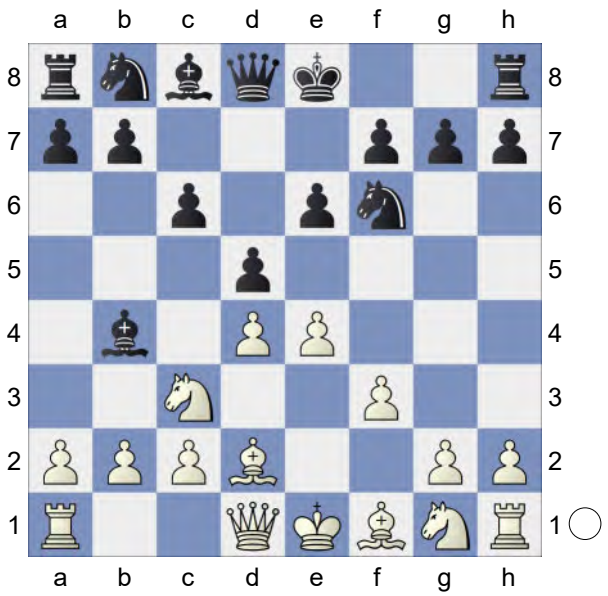

This gives White more play than he deserves. **6.e5 Nfd7 7.f4 b6?!** Too slow.

[7...Be7!? is a sensible retreat. The bishop no longer exerts any pressure on b4 and it was clearly misplaced. Black would like to play ...c5 next. 8.Qg4 g6 9.Nf3 c5 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.dxc5 Nxc5 *(11...Bxc5? 1.07/18 11...h5 0.31 12.h4 h5 13.Qh3± is the wrong setup for Black, as no queenside attack can be generated.)* 12.Qg3 (The queen was offside on g4). This is a standard French Steinitz structure where White has made slightly more progress than their adversary, but Black has some counterchances. *(12.h4 h5 13.Qh3 Bd7P)*]

8.Qg4 White is slightly better. **8...g6**

9.Nf3 Ba6 1.05/19

[9...Be7± 0.69/17]

10.Bxa6

[10.Qh3! (preparing g2-g4) was already a significant advantage for White.]

10...Nxa6

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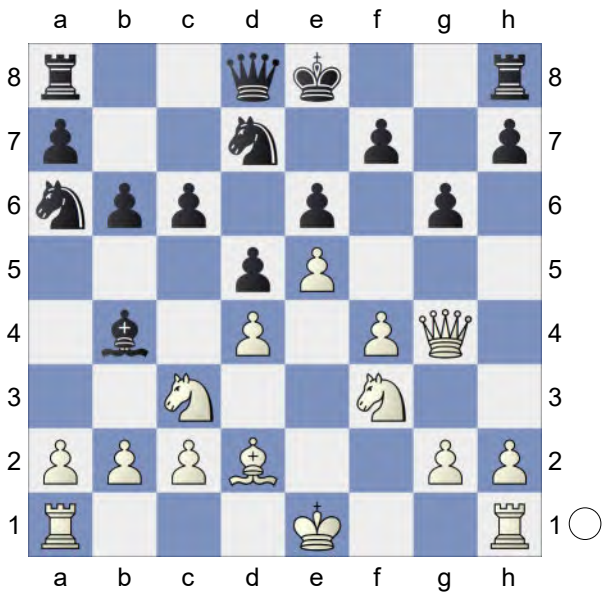


11.0-0

[11.Qh3! is strong here as well.]

11...Nc7N 12.Qh3! Interestingly, this is the first new move of the game.

[12.Nb5 was played once before. It has its merits, but it is somewhat unnecessary to complicate matters like this.]

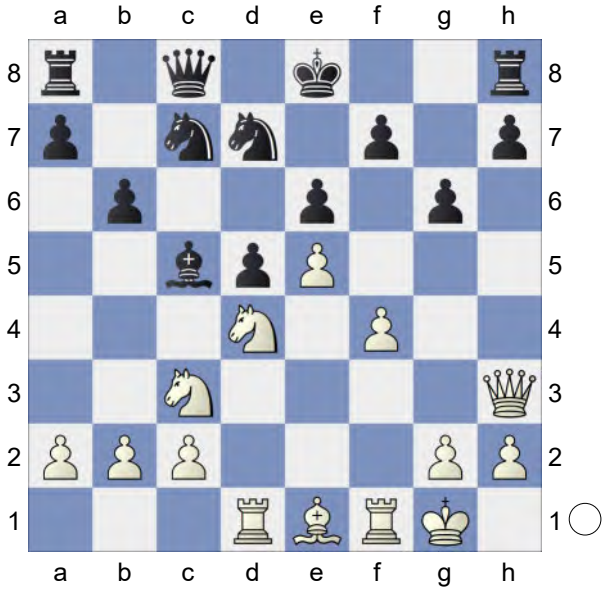
12...c5?

[12...h5 13.Ne2±]

13.Be1

[13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3! would have been very effective. Vitiugov probably rejected this line by relying on a simple form of pattern recognition: if this type of position is sound in the French Winawer, why should it be any different here? However, the key difference is that Black has committed both his knights to passive positions. Usually the king's knight is situated on e7, where it is ready to jump to f5, while the other knight is on c6, where it can manoeuvre to c4 via a5. In this case the knights have poor trajectories and the typical a3-a4-a5 plan is difficult to parry.]

13...cxd4 14.Nxd4
[14.Ne2!?±]
14...Bc5 15.Rd1
[15.Nce2± makes more sense, as the knight is not well-placed on c3.]
15...Qc8



16.Bf2 Qa6 17.a3 h5 Stockfish maintains that this is too weakening and that most other moves would have been better. On the other hand, ...h5 is a standard move in these positions and it is easy to become anxious about the prospect of the pawn avalanche g4/f5.
18.Rd3
[18.Nce2 was still strong. 19.b4 is next.]
18...Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Nb8? Aiming for a more active location, but abandoning the f6-square. **20.Bh4! Nc6**

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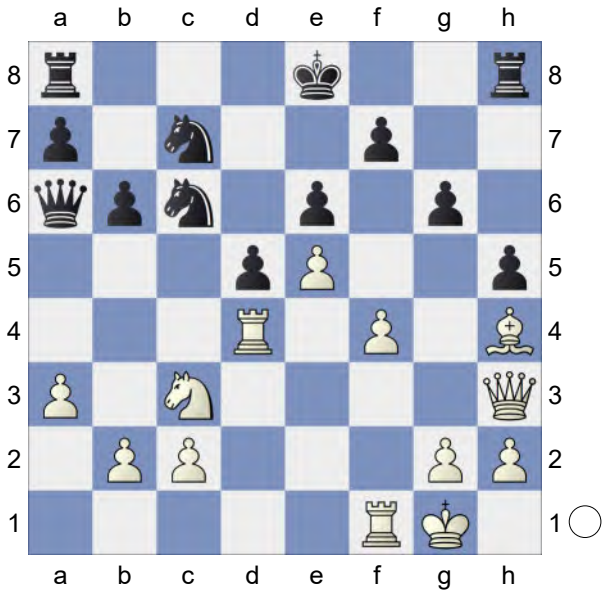
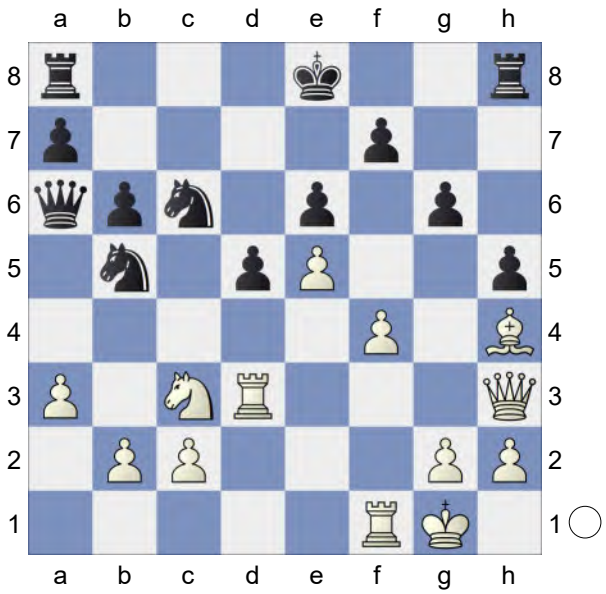


21.Rd3 Nb5? 3.19/19
[21...Ne7 22.Bf6]
[Black should play 21...Rc8± 0.69/18]

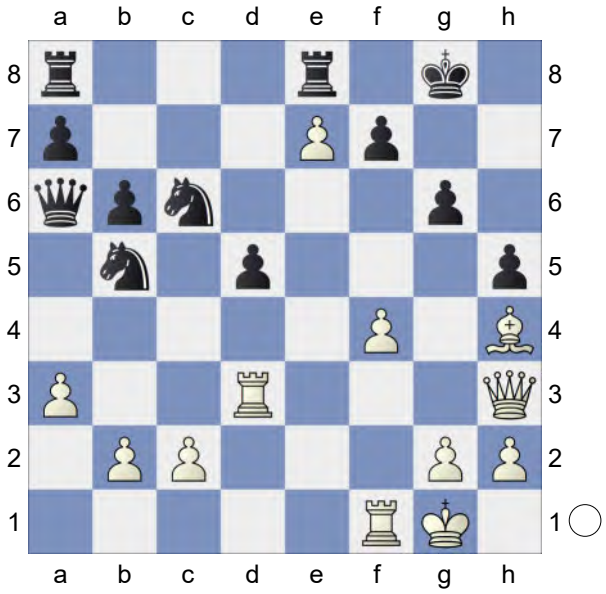


This allows White to crash through in the centre, though the alternatives were clearly unappealing. **22.Nxd5! exd5 23.e6** Threatens to win with exf7+.
[The primitive 23.Bf6 was more precise as Black is prevented from castling: 0-0? #6/14 *(23...Rg8 24.Rxd5+-; 23...Rh7+- 2.87/19 24.Rxd5 Nbd4 25.Qd7+ Kf8)*

24.Rg3!]
[23.Rxd5 0-0±]

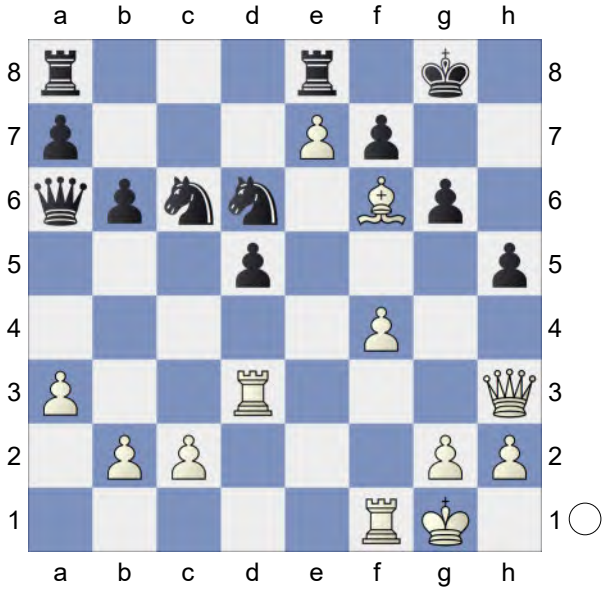
23...0-0 **24.e7** White has strong compensation.
[24.exf7+ Rxf7 25.Qe6+- would have done the job more comfortably.]
[24.Rxd5 Nbd4 25.e7 Ne2+ 26.Kf2 *(26.Kh1 Ng3+ 27.hxg3 Qxf1+-+)* 26...Rfe8= *(26...Nxe7 27.Bxe7 Nxf4 28.Qf3∓)*]

24...Rfe8
[24...Nxe7 25.Bxe7 Rfe8 26.f5! White threatens fxg6! and mate. Rxe7 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.Rg3!+-]



25.Bf6?? -1.08/24
[25.f5!+- was still absolutely decisive. Nxe7 26.fxg6 Nxg6 27.Qd7 Repels Nd6 *(27.Bf6?? 0.01/22 27.Qd7 1.95 Qc8! 28.Qxh5* White wants to mate with Rg3. *Qc5+! 29.Kh1* Intending Rg3 and mate. *d4! 30.Qh6 Qf8=* Wards off Qg7+*)* 27...Rf8 28.Bf6+-]
[25.f5!+- 2.40/23 fxg6 would kill now. Nxe7 26.fxg6 Nxg6 27.Qd7 *(27.Bf6 Qc8=)*]

25...Nd6?? 0.56/25
[25...Nxe7 ...Qc8 would now be deadly. 26.f5 Qc8!-+ would have immediately turned the tables.]
[25...Nxe7∓ -1.08/24 26.f5 Qc8 *(26...gxf5 27.Qxh5 Ng6 28.Qh6 Nf8 29.Qh8#; 26...Nxf5 27.Rxf5 Re1+ 28.Rf1∓)* 27.fxg6 fxg6 *(27...Qxh3 28.gxf7+ Kxf7 29.Rxh3∓)*]



26.Rg3± Threatening mate with Qxh5.
[Not 26.Qd7?? -2.05/22 26.f5 0.78 Ne4∓]
[26.Qd7? Ne4 27.Bh4 *(27.Qxc6? Rac8-+* Skewer *)* 27...Qc8 28.Qxd5 Nxe7 29.Bxe7 *(29.Qxe4? Nf5-+* Discovered Attack *)* 29...Rxe7-+]

26...Qe2
[But not 26...Ne4?? #4/10 26...Qe2 0.44 27.Rxg6+! fxg6 28.Qe6+ Kh7 29.Qf7+ Kh6 30.Qg7#]
[26...Nxe7 27.Qxh5]

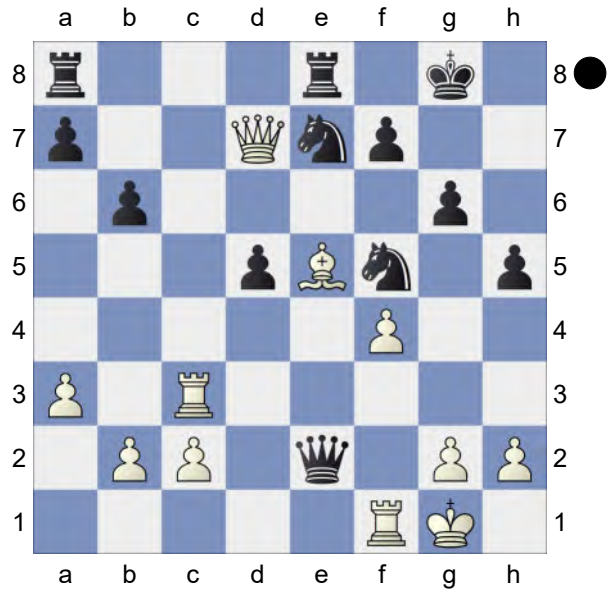
27.Qd7 -2.94/24 A simple oversight.
[27.f5! leads to a clear advantage following the forced line Nxe7 28.fxg6 Nxg6 aiming for ...Ne4! 29.Qd7! And now Rxg6+ would win. Qe6 30.Rxg6+! Kh7! 31.Qxe6! fxe6 *(31...Rxe6?? 32.Rg5+-)* 32.Rg7+

Kh6 etc.]
[27.f5!± 0.56/23 is the one way to stay ahead. Nxe7 *(27...Qxc2 28.Qxh5 Qc5+ 29.Kh1)* 28.fxg6 Nxg6 29.Qd7 Qxc2 30.Qxd6 Qc5+ 31.Qxc5 bxc5 32.Rg5]

27...Nxe7! -1.64/24
[⌓27...Qe6 -2.94/24 28.Rxg6+ *(28.Qxc6?* is the wrong capture. *Qxf6 29.Qxd5 Nf5-+)* 28...Kh7 29.Rg7+ *(29.Qxc6? Kxg6 30.Be5 Nf5-+* Discovered Attack*)* 29...Kh6 30.Qxe6 *(30.Qxc6?* perishes. *Rac8-+* Skewer *)* 30...fxe6]

28.Be5? -6.53/19
[28.Qxd6 Black must now prevent Be5. Nf5-+]
[28.Qxd6 -1.64/24 Nf5 29.Qxd5 Nxg3 *(29...Qxf1+? 30.Kxf1 Kf8 31.Rh3+-)* 30.hxg3]

28...Ndf5 29.Rc3



Black's next move would have been 29... Ne3 and White would be forced to give even more material.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.37
0-1

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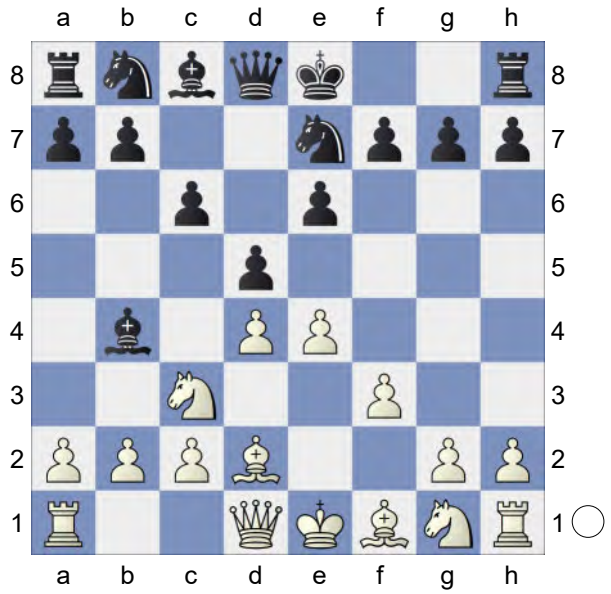
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 0.14 **c6** 0.35 **2.d4** 0.23 **d5** 0.32 **3.f3** 0.25 **e6** 0.25 **4.Nc3** 0.02 **Bb4** 0.23 **5.Bd2** 0.21
[the main move is 5.Bf4]
5...Ne7 0.02
[5...b6 6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
[5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 _-_ 6.♗d2 c5_52375 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)]



6.Qe2N 0.14
[usually the follow up is with 6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3 Nd7 *(7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Qxd4 10.0-0-0* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML: *)* 8.f4 Bb6 *(8...c5 9.e5 a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML: *)* 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.e5 h6 12.c3 a6 13.Nd6 Bc7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:]
6...0-0 0.05 **7.0-0-0** 0.01 **c5** 0.02
[Black has a simple and good plan here, just to push the pawns. 7...a5 8.Qf2 b5 9.Bd3 Ba6 10.exd5? -0.62/20 *(10.Nge2=* -0.01/18 *)* 10...Bxc3∓ 11.Bxc3 b4 And now ... Qxd5! would win. 12.Be1 cxd5 13.Ne2 Nbc6∓ 0-1 (46) Yandemirov,V (2379) -Vitiugov,N (2709) Sochi 2012.]
8.dxc5 0.14 The position is equal.
8...Bxc5 0.07 **9.f4** 0.11 White has to develop his kingside and get some activity. **9...d4** 0.21
[9...a6!? is worth inserting here, 10.Nf3 d4 11.Na4 Ba7]
10.Na4 0.33 **b6** 0.41

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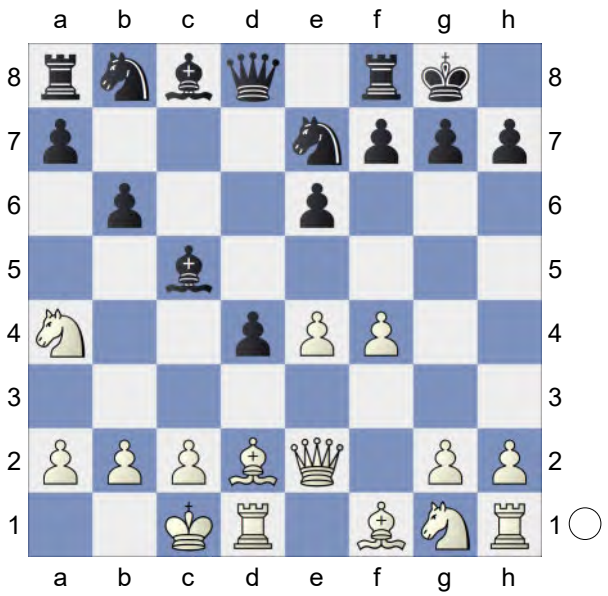
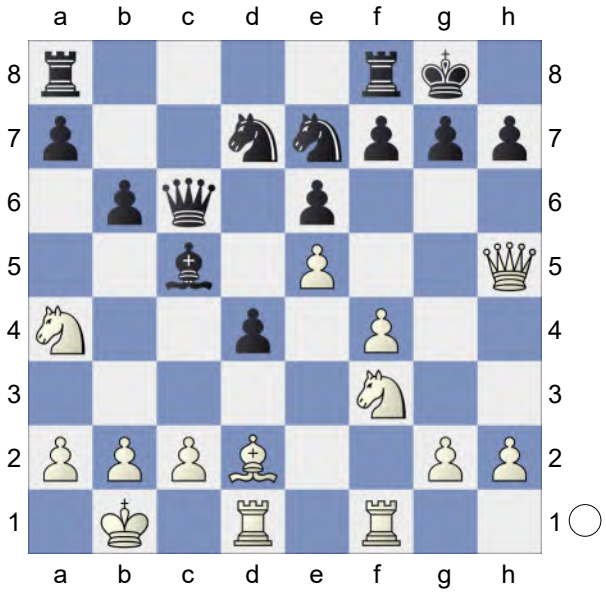
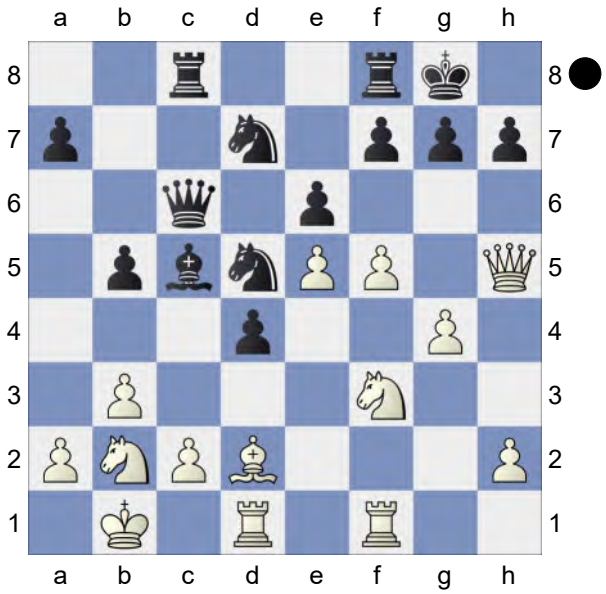


Now Black has to give the bishop. **11.Qh5** 0.36 '?!' Inaccuracy. b4 was best.
[11.b4]
11...Ba6? 0.63/21 '?!' Inaccuracy. Nd7 was best.
[11...Bb7 probably Black should just develop normally and he should be fine after 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.e5?! -0.29/19 *(⌓13.b4 0.25/19)* 13...h6∓]
[11...Nd7 12.Bd3]
[11...Nd7= -0.01/18]
12.Nf3 -0.12/18 '?!' Inaccuracy. Nxc5 was best.
[12.Nxc5! White can just win a pawn and maybe there is not enough compensation after bxc5 13.Qxc5 Bxf1 14.Rxf1± Na6 15.Qa3 Qb6! 16.Qxe7 Nc5 17.Rf3 0.01/20 *(17.Nf3!± 0.75/19 Rab8 18.b3)* 17...Rac8!]
[12.Nxc5± 0.63/21 Bxf1 13.Nxe6 *(13.Rxf1 bxc5 14.Qxc5 Nbc6±)* 13...fxe6 14.Rxf1]
12...Qc8 0.04 **13.Kb1** -0.22/19
[⌓13.Bxa6 0.18/17 Nxa6 14.Kb1]
13...Nd7= 0.81 Black finally managed to develop and now the game is balanced as it seems both sides can try to attack. **14.e5** -0.99 **Bxf1** -0.97 **15.Rhxf1** 0.98 **Qc6** 0.76



16.b3 -0.58 '?!' Inaccuracy. Nxc5 was best.
[16.Nxc5 bxc5]
16...Rac8 -0.56 Black's play is easier as for White there is only one idea, Ng5, but after ...h6 there is nothing. **17.g4** -0.97/21
[17.Qh3∓ -0.49/17 might be stronger.]
17...b5 -0.28 **18.Nb2** -1.30/20 Inaccuracy. Nxc5 was best.
[a bit better is 18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.Ne1 a5∓ -0.02/18 *(19...Nd5 20.Rf3 Rfd8! 21.Qh4 a5 22.Rh3 Nf8! 23.Rd3! b4; 19...Nd5!∓* -0.76/22 *20.Rf3 Rfd8)*]
[⌓18.Nxc5 -0.86/23 Qxc5 19.Bc1]
18...Nd5!∓ -1.61 Somehow too easy, Black is already almost winning. **19.f5** -2.01/20
[19.Nd3 Ne3! 20.Qh3 Nb6 21.f5 Nbc4 -1.09/18 *(21...Nxd1!-+* -1.72/20 *22.Rxd1 Rfd8)* 22.f6 -1.75/19 *(22.Bc1∓* -1.09/18 *)* 22...Nxf1-+ 23.Qxf1 Rfd8 24.Ng5 Ba3]
[19.Qh3∓ -1.34/20]

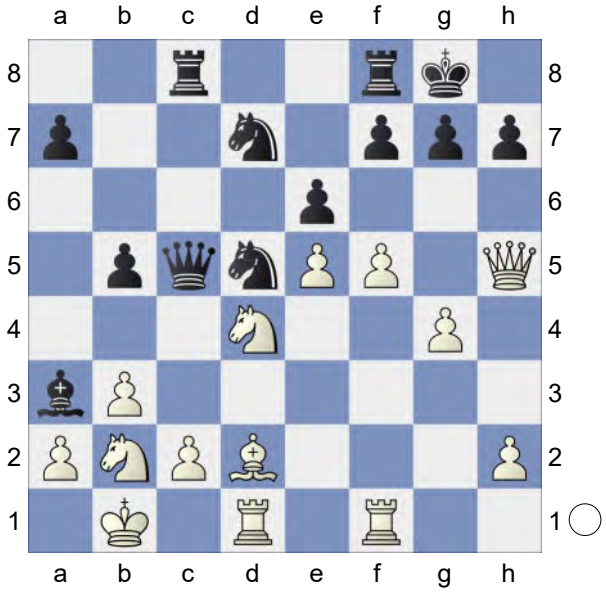


'?!' Inaccuracy. Nd3 was best. **19...Ba3!-+** -2.95 A very important move which White maybe underestimated as it gives the d pawn, but now Black has a winning attack. **20.Nxd4** -3.37/23 '?!' Inaccuracy. Rc1 was best.

[20.Rc1 Nc3+]

[20.Rc1∓ -1.44/22]

20...Qc5 -2.13



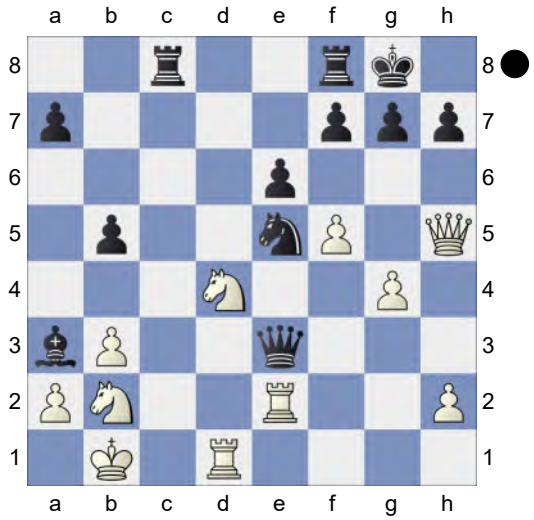
White cannot prevent ...Nc3 coming. **21.c3** -2.29 **Nxc3+** -1.44/19 '?!' Inaccuracy. Bxb2 was best.

[even better is 21...Bxb2 22.Kxb2 -4.59/22 *(22.f6* Black must now prevent fxg7. *Nxe5 23.Qg5 Ng6 24.Kxb2 gxf6 25.Qh6 b4 26.Ka1 Rfd8 27.g5; ⌓22.f6* -3.18/24 *Nxe5 23.Qg5 Nxf6 24.Rxf6)* 22...b4-+]

[21...Bxb2-+ -3.45/25 and Black stays clearly on top. 22.fxe6 *(22.Kxb2?* perishes. *b4-+)* 22...fxe6 *(22...Bxc3 23.exf7+ Kh8 24.Ne6=)* 23.Rxf8+ Nxf8 24.Kxb2 b4 *(24...Nxc3? 25.Bxc3 Qxc3+ 26.Ka3-+)*]

22.Bxc3∓ -1.11 **Qxc3** -1.28 **23.Rf2** -1.36 **Nxe5→** -1.42 Black has strong attack. **24.fxe6?** -3.81/21 '?!' Inaccuracy. Rc2 was best.

[The best chance is 24.Rc2 Qe3 25.Re2



and Black has to find some good moves to keep his edge. Qf4! 26.fxe6 Bxb2 27.Qxe5 Rc1+ 28.Kxb2 Qxe5 29.Rxe5 Rxd1 30.e7 Re8 31.Nxb5? -3.10/22 *(31.Nc6∓* -1.37/20 might work better. *)* 31...Rd7-+]

[24.Rc2∓ -0.81/24 Qe3 25.Re2]

24...fxe6-+ -3.93 **25.Nxb5** -2.91 Many Black pieces are hanging but he is still in control with this nice move. **25...Qe3!** -2.22

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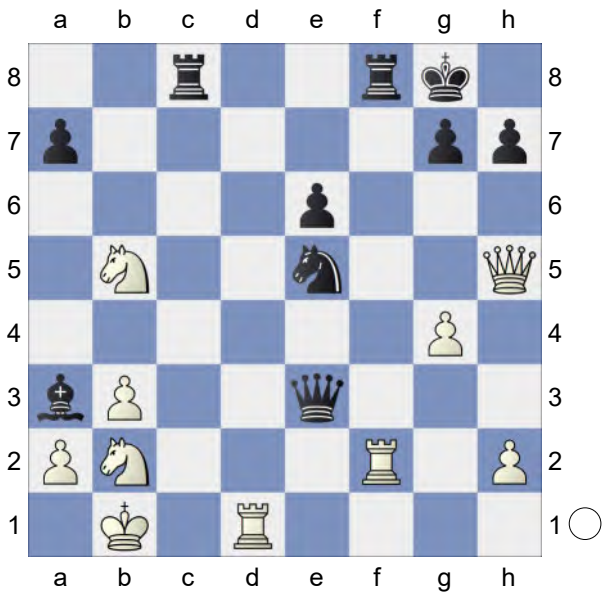

26.Rxf8+ -3.94 **Bxf8** -2.05 everything is defended. **27.a4** -3.81 **g6** -2.77/19
[better is 27...a6 28.Nd4 Rd8]
[⌓27...a6 -4.87/25 28.Nd4 Rd8]
28.Qh4 -2.96 **Qxb3** -2.96 **29.Nd4** -2.66 Prevents Rc2. **29...Qd5** -1.54 '?!' Inaccuracy. Qb7 was best.
[29...Qb7 30.Qf6 Qe4+ 31.Ka2 Re8 Strongly threatening ...Bg7. 32.Qf1 Rd8 33.Nb5 Rxd1 34.Qxd1 Nc6 35.Qc1]
30.Qf6 -3.02/22 '?!' Inaccuracy. Qe1 was best.
[30.Qe1 Nxg4 31.Qe2 -2.37/22 *(⌓31.Qxe6+ -1.96/22 Qxe6 32.Nxe6)* 31...h5-+ 32.h3 Ne5 33.Nb5 Qc5 Hoping for ...Bg7. 34.Nxa7 Rb8 35.Nb5 Bg7]
[30.Qe1 -2.13/23 was worth a try.]
30...Rb8 -2.86
[30...Nxg4 31.Qxe6+ Qxe6 32.Nxe6∓]
[30...Re8 31.Qf4 Nf7 32.Nb5∓]

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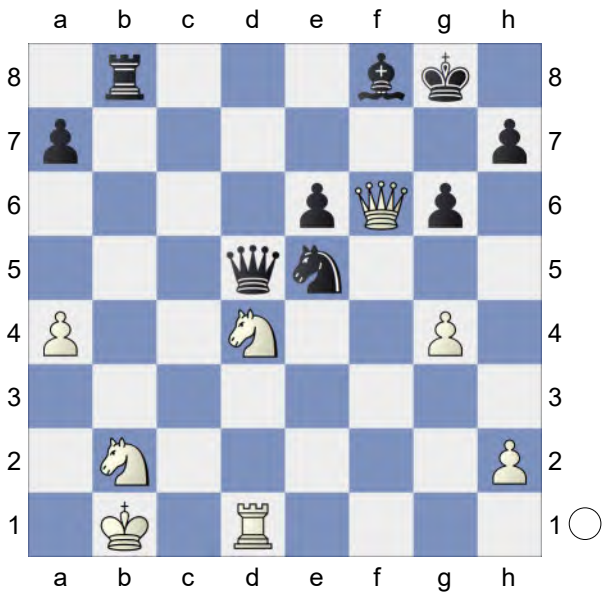
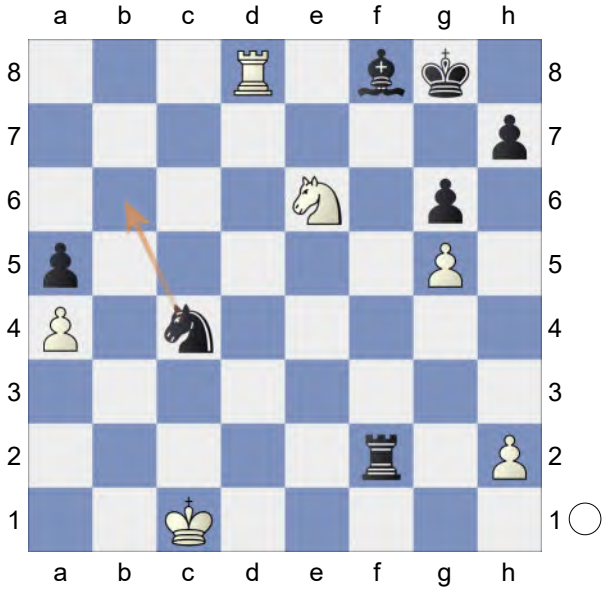


Finally Black has developed his attack and is winning material. **31.Qxe6+** -2.29 **Qxe6** -2.21 **32.Nxe6** -2.22 **Nc4** -2.95
[Weaker is 32...Nxg4 33.Nxf8 Rxf8 34.Rd2∓]
33.Rd8 -2.93 **Rxb2+** -2.32 **34.Kc1** -2.32 **Rf2** -2.93 **35.g5** -2.31 **a5** -2.41

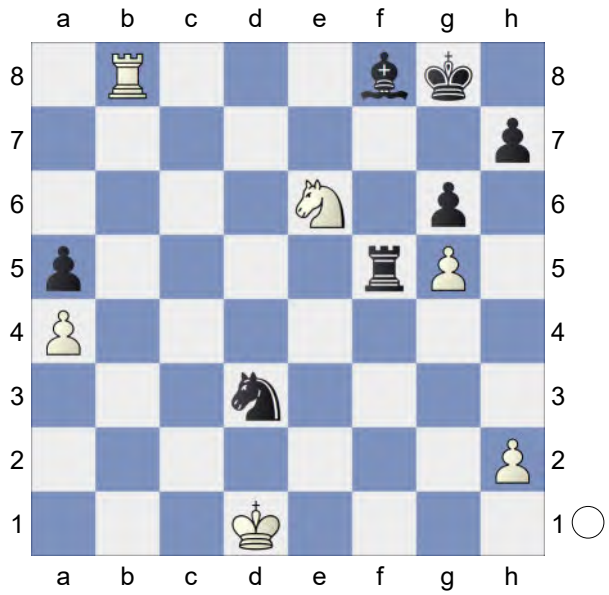


Black has to find a way to untie his pieces by bringing the knight back to help. **36.Rb8** -2.33 **Ne5** -2.47 **37.Rd8** -2.46 **Nc6** -1.91 **38.Ra8** -1.11 **Nb4** -1.16 **39.Kd1** -2.96 **Nd3** -1.32 **40.Rb8** -4.38/25 '?!' Inaccuracy. Nxf8 was best.

[40.Nxf8 Rxf8 41.Rxa5 Nb4 42.h4 Rc8 43.Kd2 Nc6 44.Rc5 Kf7 45.a5 Ke6]

[40.h4 -2.81/23 is a better defense.]

40...Rf5 -2.11



Nc5 is coming and White can't stand the pressure.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.42

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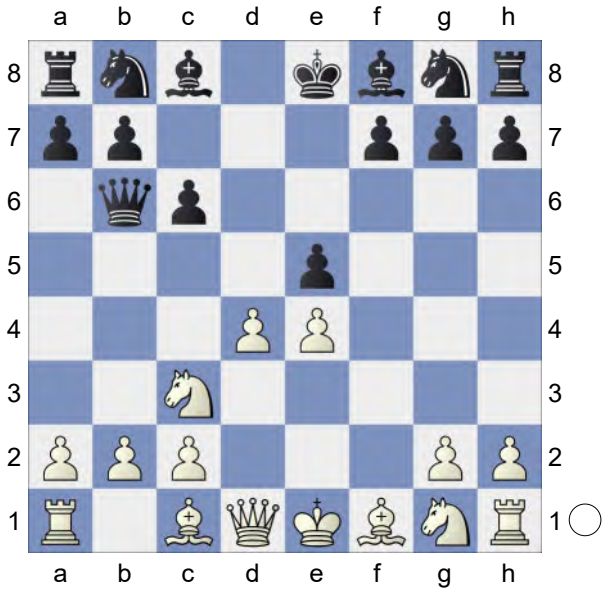
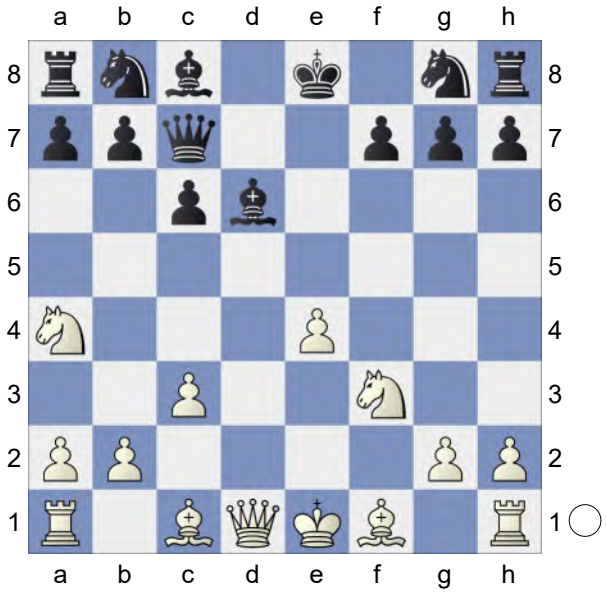
92 **B12**
□ **Fier,Alexandr** **2564**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2700**
Online Olym Top DivD 2021 (2.2) 8.9.21
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

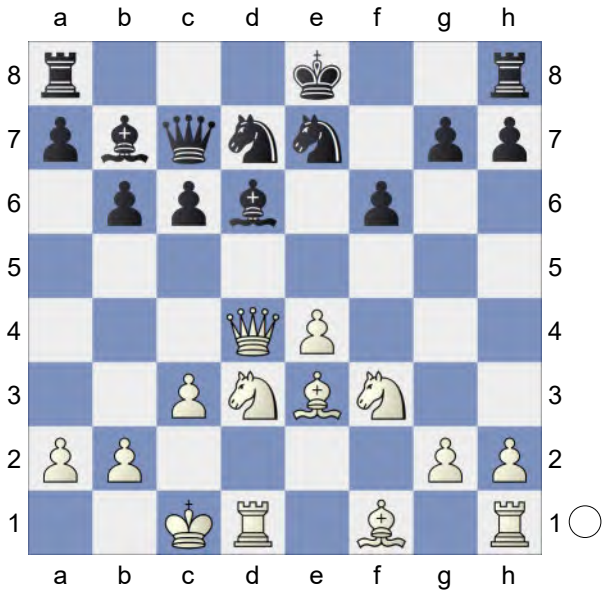
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.fxe4 e5!



6.Nf3 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bc5 8.Na4
White has an edge. **8...Qa5+ 9.c3 Bd6**
[9...Be7 10.Nf3 b5 11.b4 Qxa4 12.Qxa4 bxa4 13.Bc4 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.0-0 Nf6 16.Ne5 Rc8 17.Bg5 0-0 18.Rad1 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nd7 Rfd8 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Rxf6 Nb8 24.Kf1 (36) Deng,K (2245)-Tan,C (ch) 46/(484) 1988]
10.Nf3 Qc7
[10...Be7 11.b4 Qc7 12.Be3 Nf6 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Bd4 b6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Be4 Be6 18.a3 b5 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.bxc5 Rd8 21.Qe1 h5 22.Bc2 Qa5 23.Bb3 Nf4 24.Bxe6 Nxe6 25.Qf2 1-0 (38) Claverie,C (1946)-3. ♗b5 ♗c5 4.c3 (1922) Deutschland 78/(226) 2000 (4)]

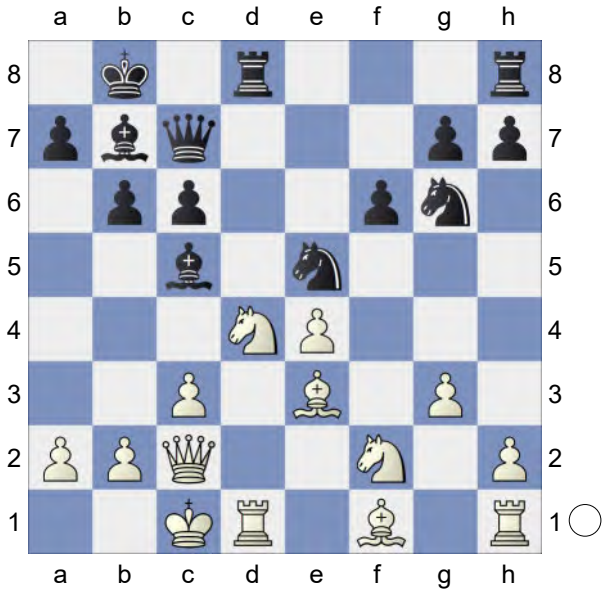


11.Qd4 f6 12.Nc5N -0.10/18
[⌓12.Be3 0.29/18 Nd7 13.Rd1 Be7 14.b4 V.B) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4. Nc3 dxe4 5.fxe4 e5 #2]
12...b6= 13.Nd3 Nd7 14.Be3 Ne7 15.0-0-0 Bb7 0.42/19
[15...0-0= 0.02/17 is superior.]

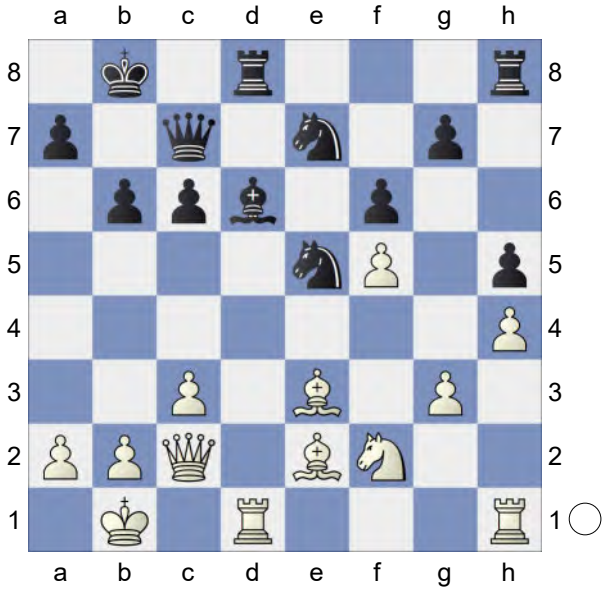


16.Nf2 0.02/21
[16.Qc4± 0.42/19 deserves consideration.]

16...Bc5 17.Qd2 Bf4 would now be deadly. **17...0-0-0 18.Nd4** And now Ne6 would win. **18...Ne5 19.Qc2 N7g6 20.g3 Kb8**



21.h4 h5 22.Be2 Bc8 23.Kb1 Bd6 24.Nf5 Bxf5 25.exf5 Ne7



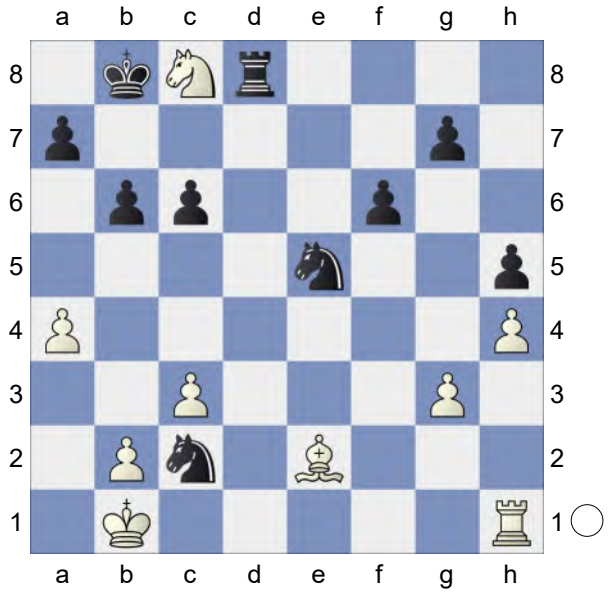
26.a4 Qc8 27.Ne4 Nxf5 28.Nxd6 -0.81/22

[28.Bf4= -0.01/20]

28...Nxe3∓ 29.Nxc8 Nxc2 0.01/22 A dynamic duo of knights.

[29...Rxd1+∓ -0.90/25 30.Qxd1 *(30.Rxd1 Nxc2 31.Kxc2 Kxc8∓)* 30...Nxd1 31.Rxd1 Kxc8]

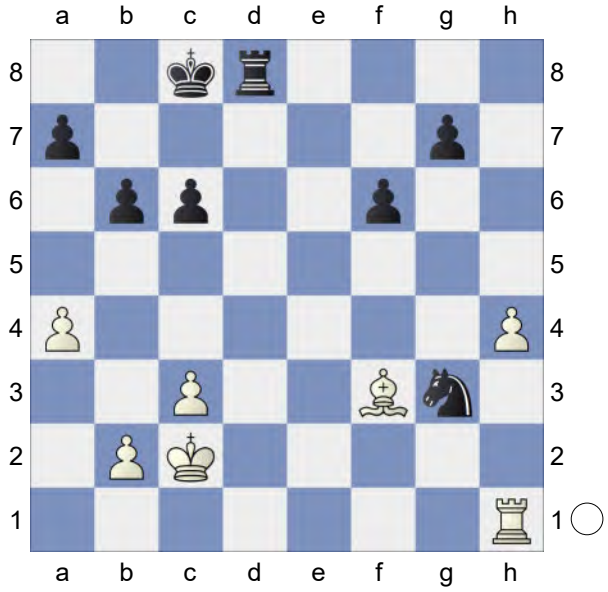
30.Rxd8!= Rxd8



31.Kxc2 Kxc8 32.Bxh5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...Nc4 33.Kb3 Nd2+ 34.Kc2 Ne4** 0.47/22

[34...Nc4= -0.01/22]

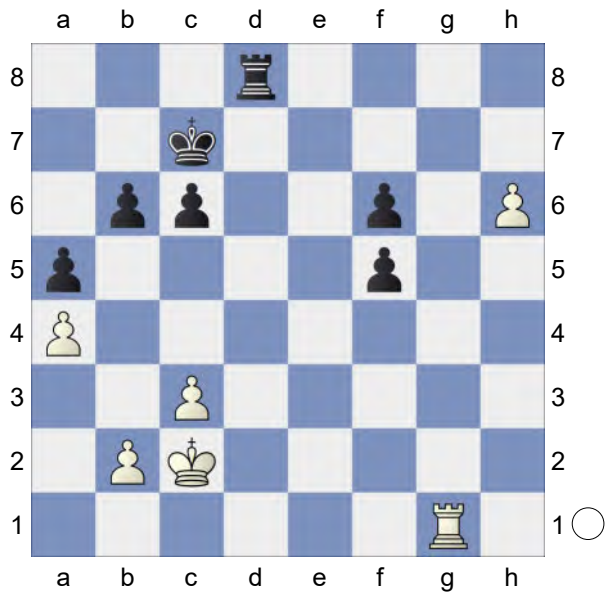
35.Bf3 Nxg3



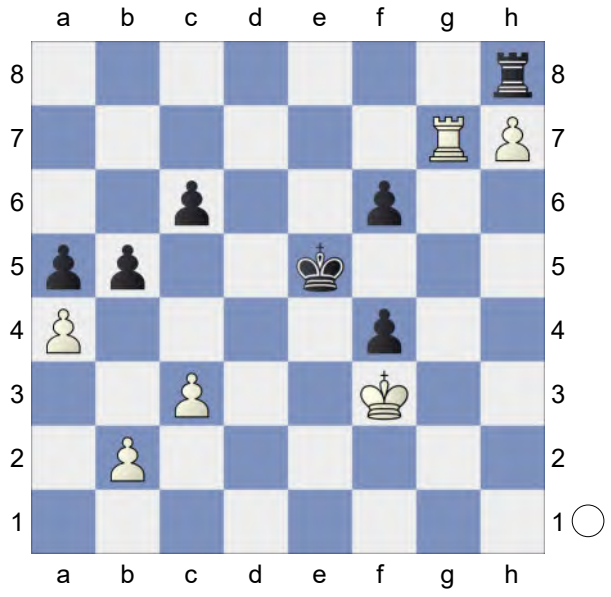
36.Rg1 Nf5 37.Bg4 g6 38.h5 Kc7 39.Bxf5

[Don't play 39.hxg6 Ne3+ 40.Kc1 Nxg4 41.Rxg4 Rg8=]

39...gxf5± KR-KR **40.h6** Threatens to win with h7. **40...a5**

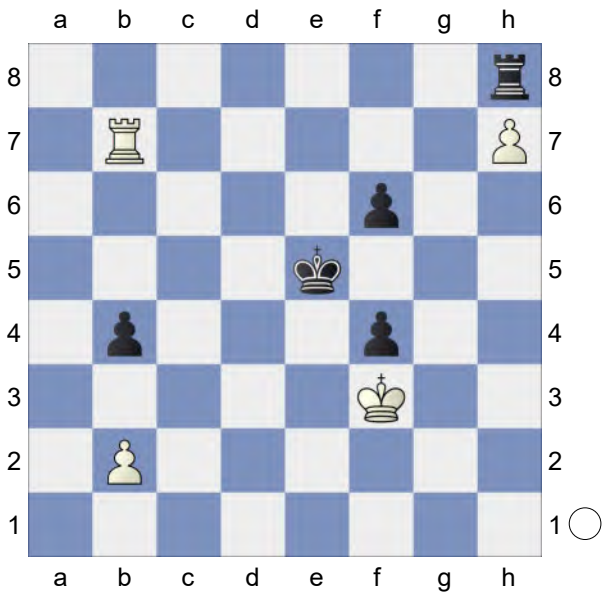


41.h7 0.15/26
[41.Rg6± 0.63/21 might be stronger.]
41...Rh8= 42.Rg7+ White has compensation. **42...Kd6 43.Kd3 Ke5 44.Ke3 f4+ 45.Kf3 b5** 0.79/25
[45...Kf5= 0.17/27 keeps the balance.]

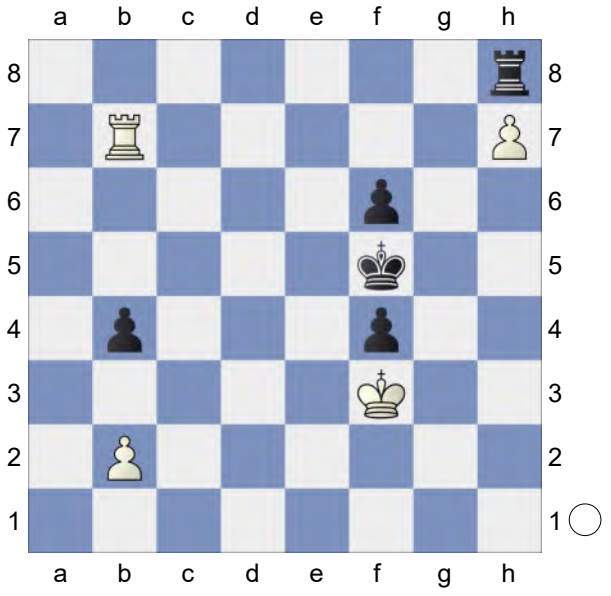


46.axb5 cxb5 47.Rb7 White is more active. **47...b4 48.cxb4 axb4**

(Diagram)



49.Rb5+ 0.01/26
[49.Kg4!± 0.78/30]
49...Ke6 50.Rb7
[Don't take 50.Rxb4?! Rxh7 51.Rb6+ Kd5±]
50...Kf5
[50...Ke5 simplifies 51.Rxb4 Rxh7 52.Rb5+ Ke6]



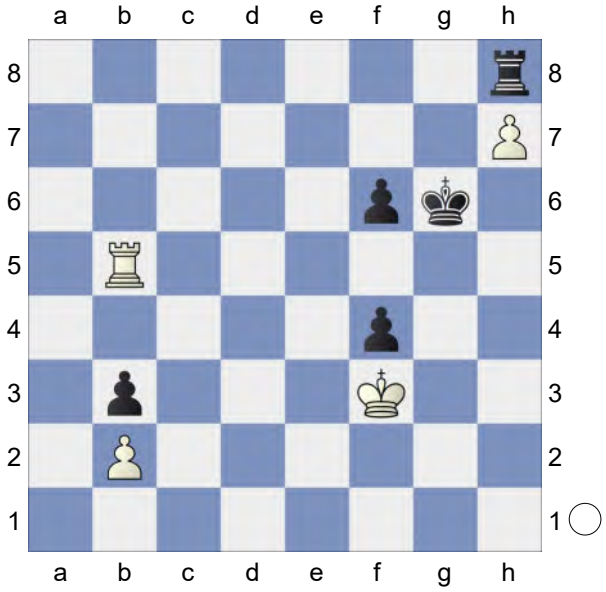
51.Rg7
[51.Rxb4 simplifies Rxh7 52.Rb5+ Ke6 53.Rb6+]
51...b3 52.Rb7 Kg5 53.Ke4

[53.Rb5+ simplifies Kg6 54.Kxf4 Rxh7 55.Rxb3 Rh4+ 56.Kg3]

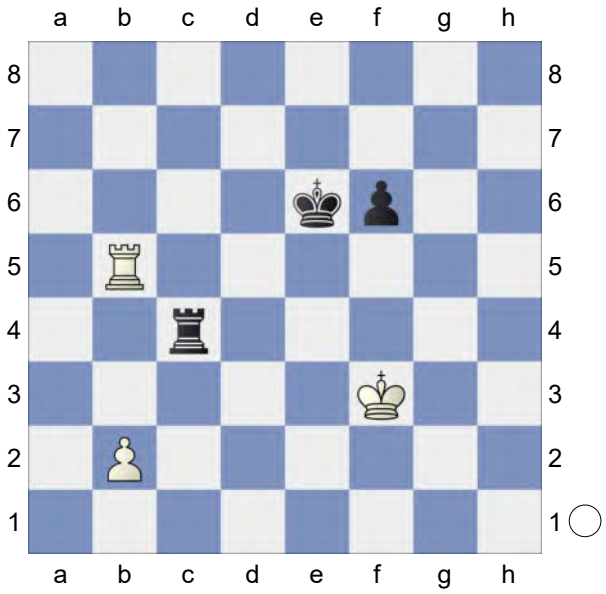
53...Re8+

[53...Kg6 simplifies 54.Kxf4 Rxh7 55.Rxb3 Rh4+]

54.Kf3 Rh8 55.Rb5+ Kg6



56.Kxf4 Rxh7 57.Rxb3 Rh4+ 58.Kg3 Rc4 59.Rb5 Kf7 60.Kf3 Ke6



61.Ke3 f5 62.Ra5 Rb4 63.Ra6+ Ke5 64.Ra5+ Kf6 65.Kf3 Kg5

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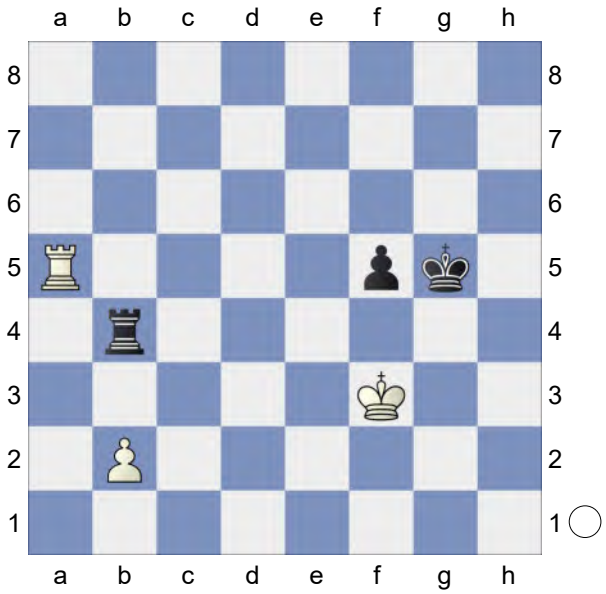
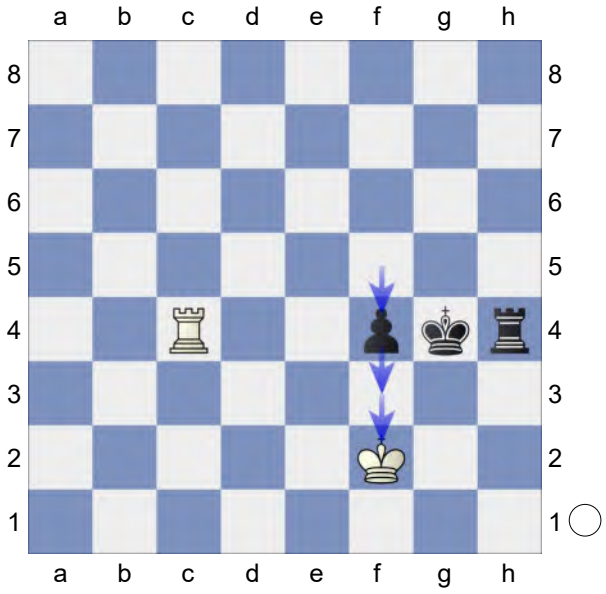


66.Rc5 Rxb2 67.Rc3 Rh2 68.Kg3 Inhibits Rh3+. **68...Rh4 69.Kf2 Kg4 70.Rc4+ f4**

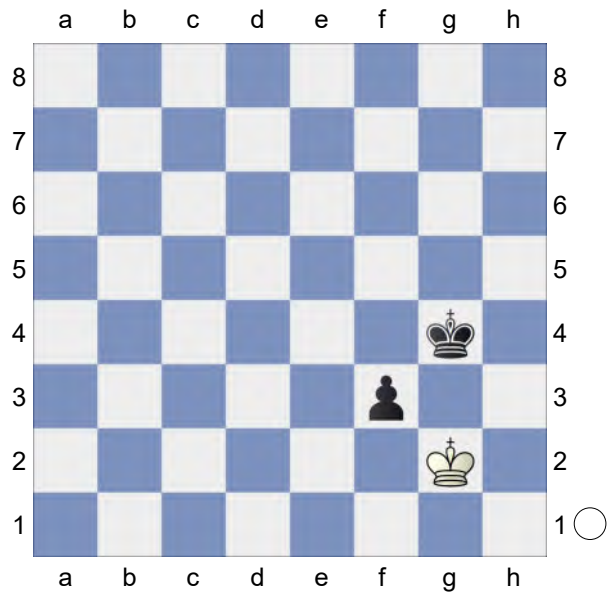


71.Rc3 Rh2+ 72.Kf1 Rh3 73.Rxh3! The position is equal. **73...Kxh3** KP-K **74.Kf2 Kg4**

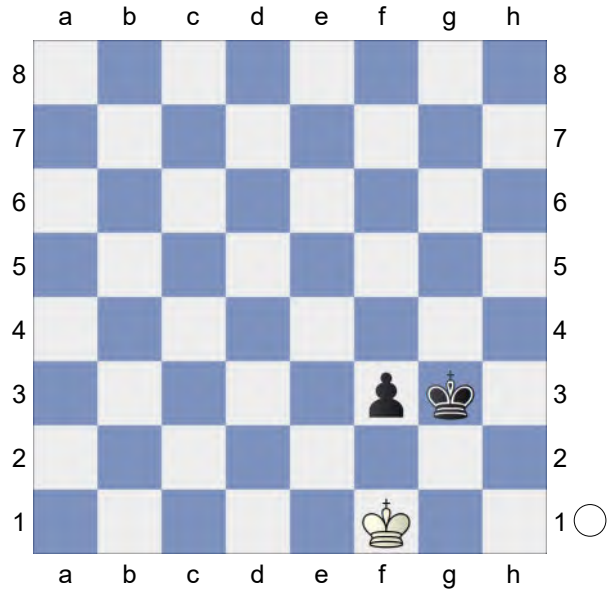
[74...Kh2!?]

75.Kg2 f3+

(Diagram)



76.Kf2 Kf4 77.Kf1 Kg3



(-> ...f2) **78.Kg1 f2+ 79.Kf1 Kf3**

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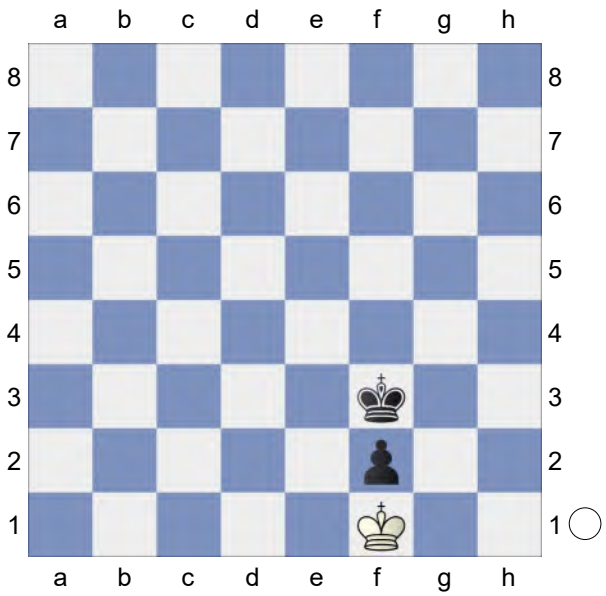

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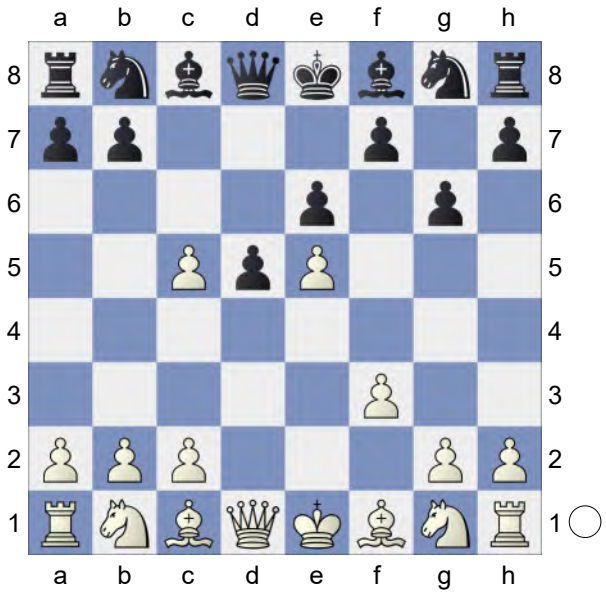
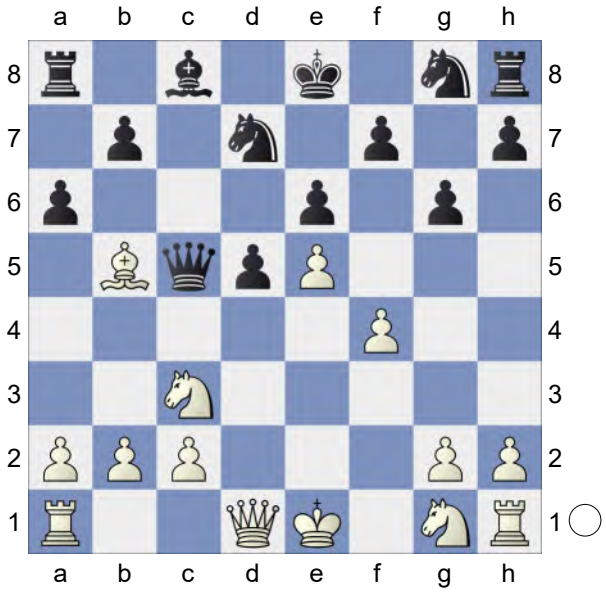
93 **B12**
□ **So,Wesley** **2770**
■ **Liang,Awonder** **2592**
USA (ch-Int.-rapid) 146/29 2020
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.e5
[4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 dxe4 *(5...h5 6.Qd2 a6 7.0-0-0 e6 8.h4 b5 9.g4 Nd7 10.gxh5 gxh5 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.Rg1 Bf8 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rde1 Ne7 18.Rg5 Qb6 19.Nd1 Kd7 20.Nxh5* 1-0 (29) 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 with 16. e (2247)-J.Hector (2247) corr ML-026 BdF 1999*)* 6.fxe4 e5 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qe7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Nf3 Ngf6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Qf4 Re8 15.Bh3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qxe5 Rxe5 18.Rd8+ Re8 Helmsen,F (2543)-3. ♘f3 de4 4. ♘e4 ♘f6 5.î (2378) (ol) 46/(167) 1988]
4...c5N
[4...Bg7 5.Be3 Nh6 6.g4 Qa5+ 7.c3 Na6 8.Ne2 Be6 9.b4 Qd8 10.Ng3 Nc7 11.h4 Qd7 12.Qc1 Ng8 13.h5 0-0-0 14.Nd2 f6 15.h6 Bf8 16.Nb3 Qe8 17.Nc5 Qf7 18.Be2 g5 19.a4 1-0 (42) 11.cd4 ♕d2 12. ♘d2-Denker, M SJP-ch U15 Bad Duerkheim 1996]
5.dxc5 e6

(Diagram)

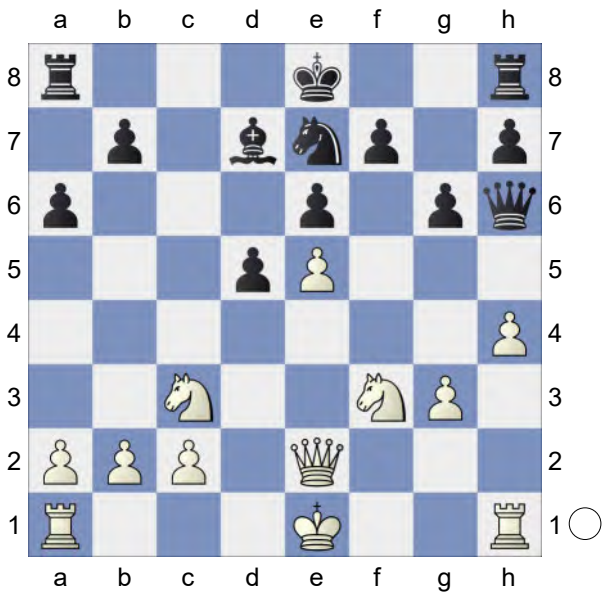


6.Be3 Nd7 7.Bb5 Qc7 8.f4
The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.Nc3 a6**

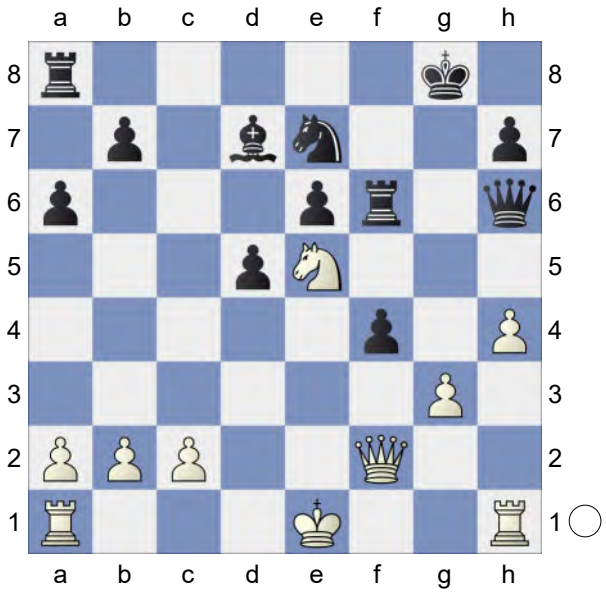


11.Bxd7+ Bxd7 12.Nf3 Qe3+ 13.Qe2
-0.50/18
[13.Ne2= -0.13/22]
13...Qxf4∓ 14.g3 Qh6 15.h4 Ne7

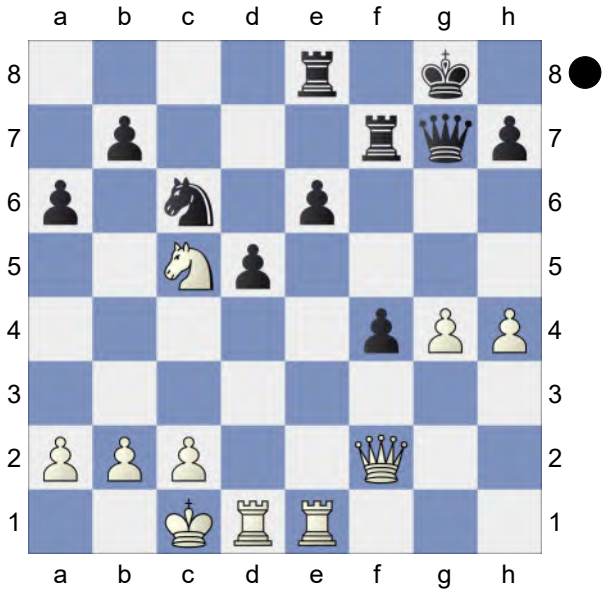
(Diagram)



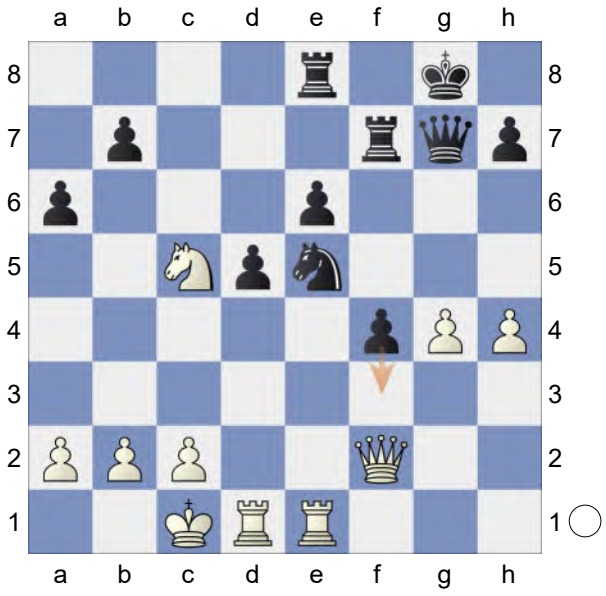
16.Qf2 0-0 17.Ne2 -1.37/20
[17.Nh2!∓ -0.50/20 Qh5 18.Qf4]
17...f6!∓ 18.Nf4 g5 19.exf6 Rxf6 20.Ne5
[20.Nxg5? e5 21.0-0-0 exf4-+]
20...gxf4



21.Nxd7 Rf7 22.g4 Dodges Nf5
22...Qg7 23.0-0-0 Nc6
[23...Qxg4? 24.Rdg1 h5 25.Ne5+- *(25.Rxg4+ hxg4 26.Qe2 g3+-; 25.Rxg4+ hxg4 26.Qe2 Nf5+-)*]
24.Nc5 Re8
[24...Qxg4? 25.Rdg1 h5 26.Rxg4+ hxg4 27.Rg1+- *(27.Nxe6 Rf6+-)*]
25.Rhe1

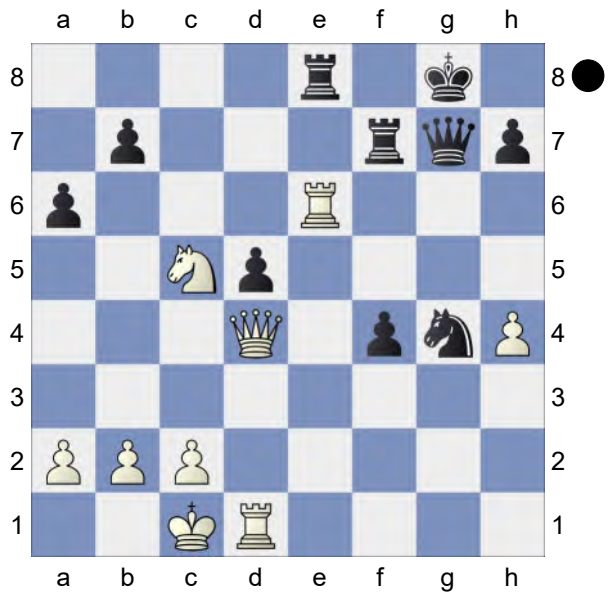


Dodges Ne5 **25...Ne5!**
[25...Qxg4? 26.Rg1 h5 27.Rde1+- *(27.Rxg4+ hxg4 28.Rg1 g3+-)*]

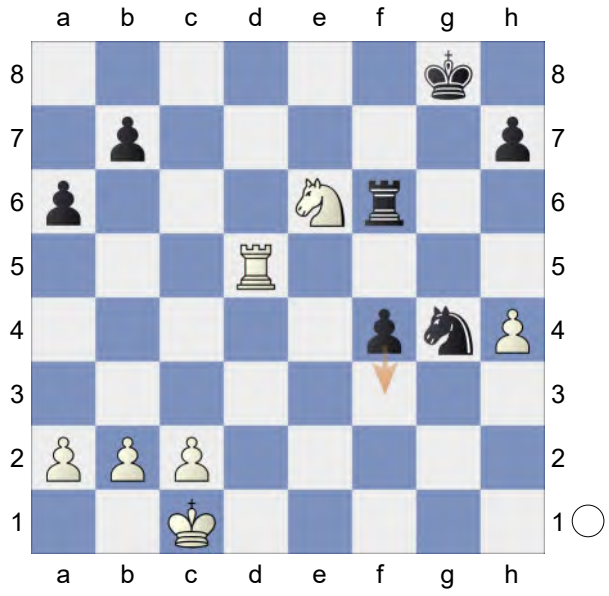


26.Qd4 Nxg4 27.Rxe6 -2.10/19
[27.Qxg7+∓ -1.12/22 Kxg7 28.Nxe6+ Rxe6 29.Rxe6]

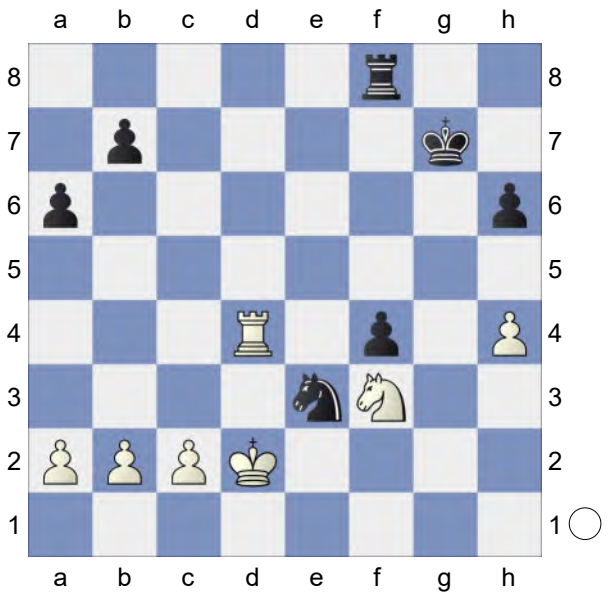
(Diagram)



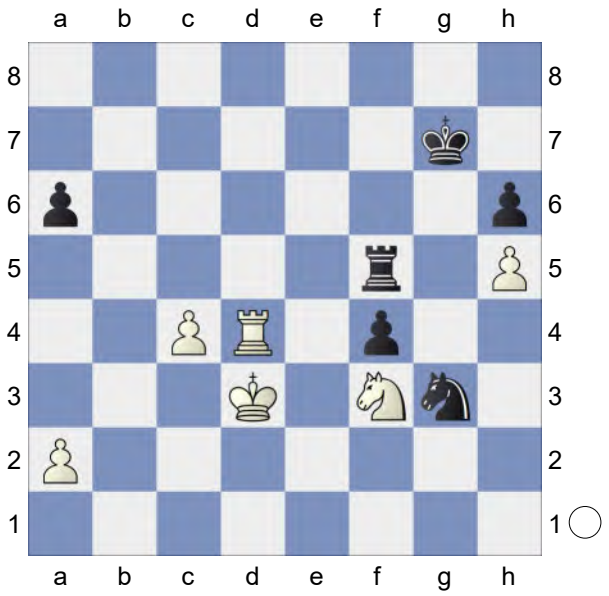
27...Rxe6? 0.01/24
[Black should play 27...Ref8!-+ -2.10/19 Hoping for ...f3. 28.h5 Ne3 29.Qxg7+ Rxg7]
28.Nxe6= Qe5 29.Qxd5 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Endgame. White wants to mate with Rd8+. KRN-KRN **30...Rf6!**



And now ...f3! would win. **31.Ng5 h6**
[31...f3?! 32.Nxf3 Rf4 *(32...Rxf3 33.Rg5+ Kf7 34.Rxg4±)* 33.Ng5±]
32.Nf3! Ne3 33.Rd7 Rf7 34.Rd4 Kg7 35.Kd2 Rf8
(Diagram)



36.h5 Rf5 37.c4 b5 38.b3 bxc4 39.bxc4 Nf1+ 40.Kd3 Ng3



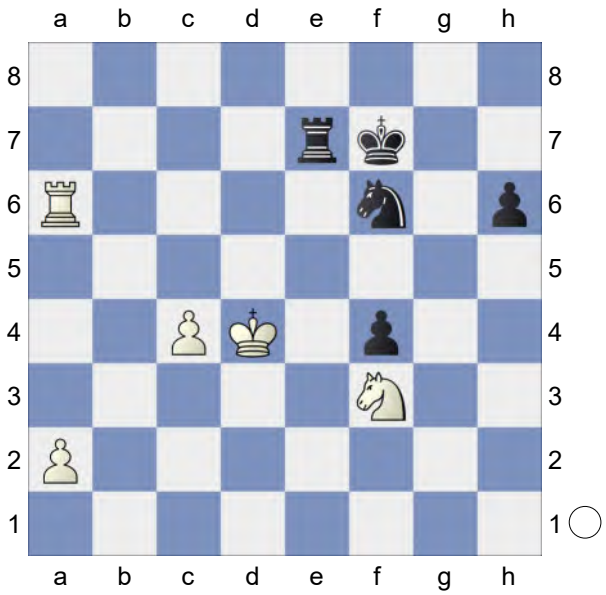
41.Rd7+ Rf7 42.Rd6 Re7 Strongly threatening ...Re3+. **43.Rg6+**
[43.Rxa6? Re3+ *(43...Nxh5 44.Nd4±)* 44.Kc2 Rxf3-+]
43...Kf7! ...Re3+ is the strong threat.
44.Kd4 Ne5+ would now be deadly.
[44.Rxa6? too greedy. Re3+ *(44...Nxh5 45.Kd4±)* 45.Kd4 Rxf3-+]
44...Nxh5 0.61/22
[44...Nf5+= 0.01/21 45.Kd5 Ne3+ 46.Kd4 Nc2+ 47.Kd5 *(47.Kc5*

Re3=) 47...Ne3+ 48.Kd4 Nf5+ 49.Kd5 Ne3+]

45.Rxa6± White is more active.

[But not 45.Rxh6 Nf6=]

45...Nf6



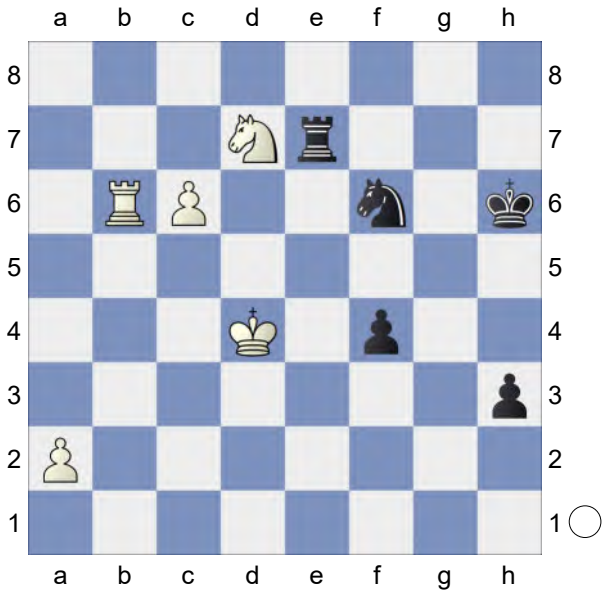
46.Ne5+ Kg7 47.c5 h5 48.c6 h4

49.Rb6 Black must now prevent Rb7.

49...Kh6? 5.94/22

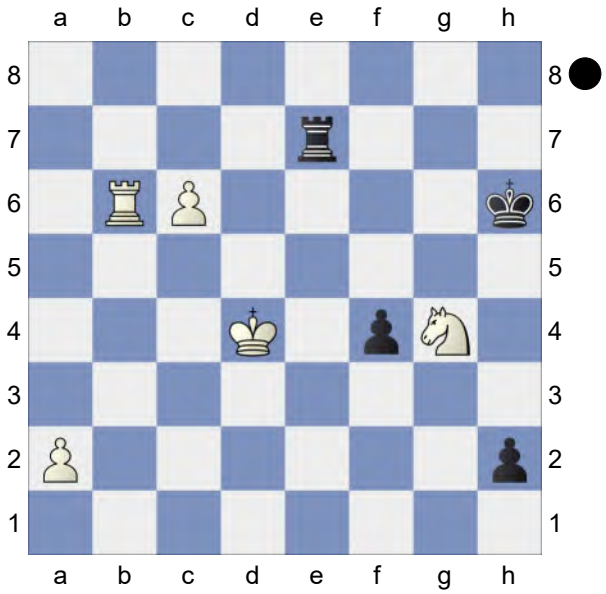
[49...Ne8± 0.81/19 keeps fishing.]

50.Nd7 White is clearly winning. **50...h3**



Threatens to win with ...h2. **51.Nxf6** Ng8+ would kill now. **51...h2 52.Ng4+**

(Diagram)



White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)

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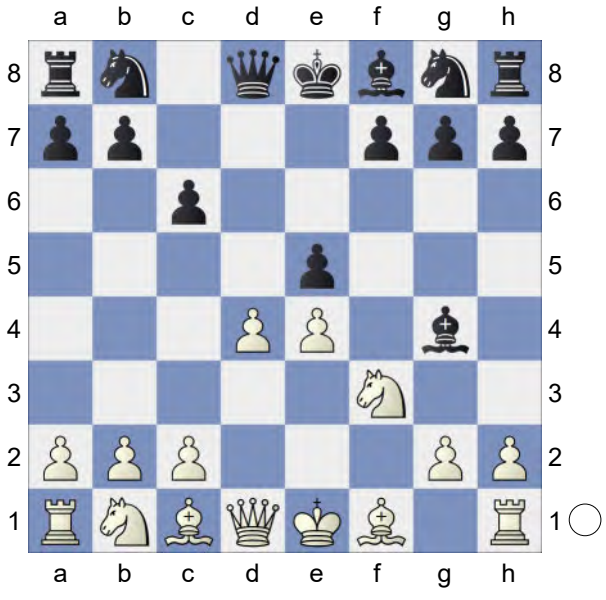
94 **B12**
□ **Erigaisi Arjun** **2567**
■ **Salem,A R Saleh** **2682**
54. Master Open (2.1) 27.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 aiming for Bxf7+!
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
7...Ngf6 8.c3 Threatening Qb3. **8...Bd6 9.Bg5** The position is equal. **9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Qc7**
[10...h6 11.Bh4 Qc7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qc2 Bg6 14.Bd3 b5 15.Rae1 Nh5 16.Bf2 Rab8 17.a4 a6 Middlegame Play-Fantasy The Caro-Kann for Club Players 2022]

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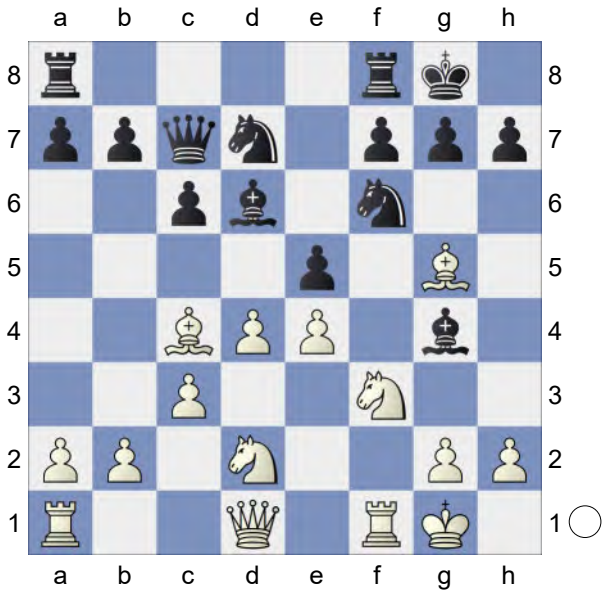

11.h3N
[11.Qe1 Rae8 *(11...b5 12.Bb3 h6 13.Be3 Rae8 14.Qh4 exd4 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.cxd4 Be6 17.e5 Bxb3 18.Qg3+ Kh7 19.exd6 Qb8 20.axb3 Re6 21.Nh4 Qxd6 22.Qd3+ Kh8 23.Nf5 Qd5 24.Nxh6 Nc5 25.Qc3 Nce4 26.Nxe4* 1-0 (30) Just,W (2664)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11.♗d2 (2677) 44/498 Graz 1987 (11)*)* 12.Qh4 Bh5 13.Bb3 Bg6 14.Rae1 b5 15.Kh1 c5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 *(16...Bxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Bf4 Qe7 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 21.e6 Nb6 22.exf7+ Bxf7 23.Bd6 Bxb3 24.axb3 Rxf1+ 25.Nxf1 Kf7 26.Bxc5* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6.Bc4: 6...Nd7 #9 *)* 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Bd5 Nd3 19.Re3 Nxb2 20.e5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Ne4 f5 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Ng4 fxg4 25.Qf6+ Kg8 (29) Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6.Bc4: 6...Nd7 #12]
11...Bh5 12.Qc2 b5 13.Bd3 a6 14.a4 Rfe8 15.Nh4 h6

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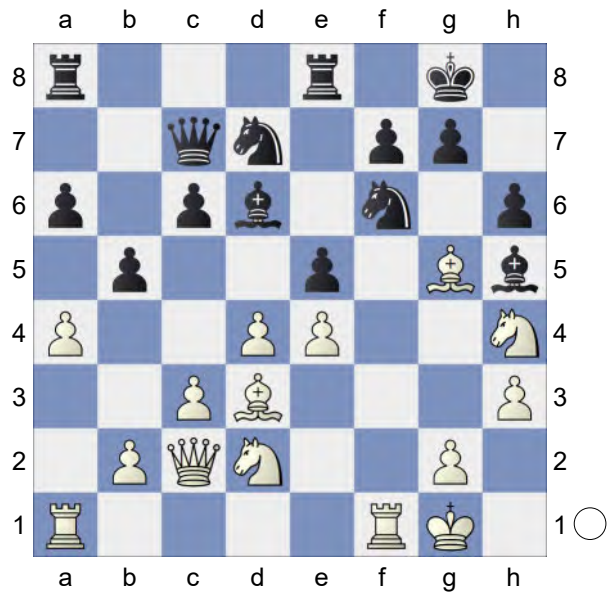

16.Be3 c5 Hoping for ...c4.
[16...Rab8 looks sharper. 17.g4 Bg6 18.Nxg6 fxg6 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 c5]
17.axb5
[17.g4 keeps more tension. c4 18.gxh5 cxd3 19.Qxd3 bxa4 20.Nf5]
17...cxd4
[17...axb5 with more complications. 18.dxe5 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 Bxe5 20.Bxb5 Bf4]
18.cxd4 Qxc7 would now be deadly.
18...Qxc2 19.Bxc2 Black must now prevent g4. **19...exd4 20.Bxd4 Be2**

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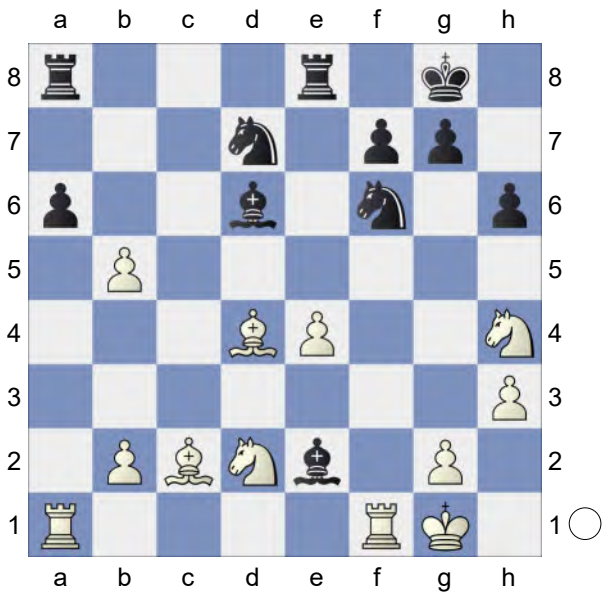
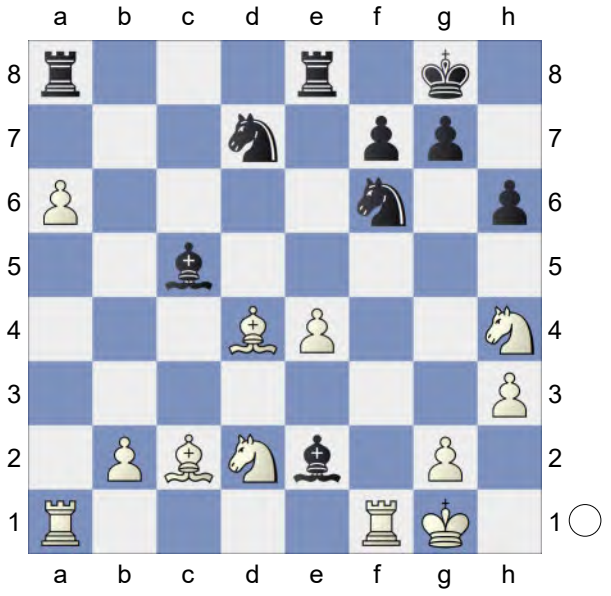


21.bxa6 Bc5



22.Nhf3 Bxf1
[22...Bxa6 23.Rfb1]
23.Kxf1 Reb8 24.Nc4 Repels Rb6
24...Ne8

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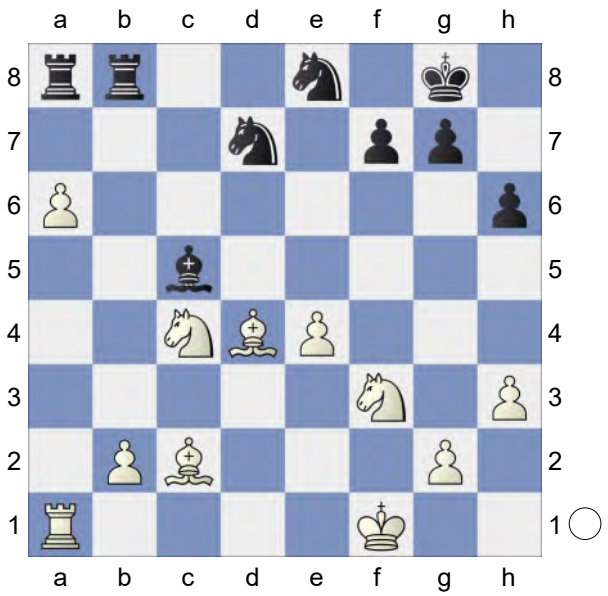
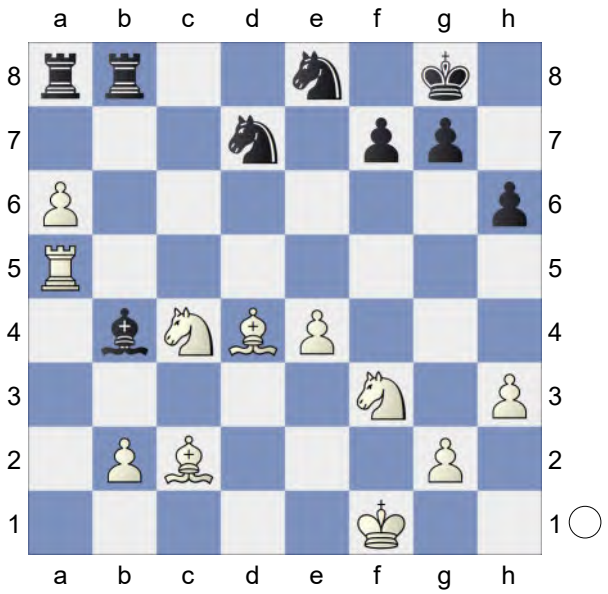
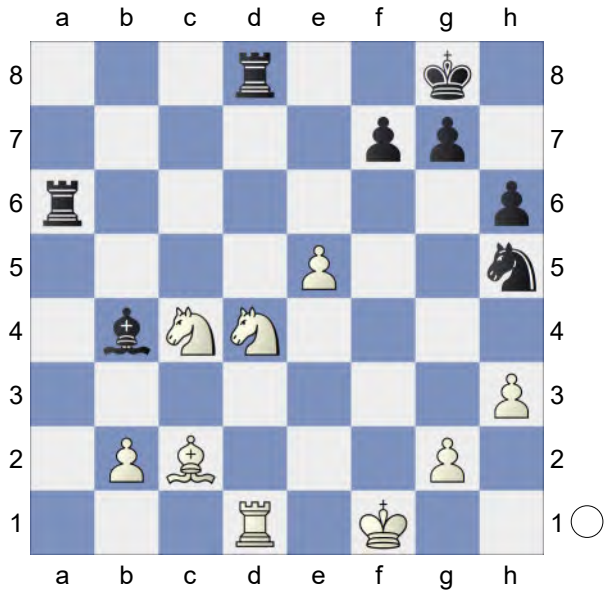


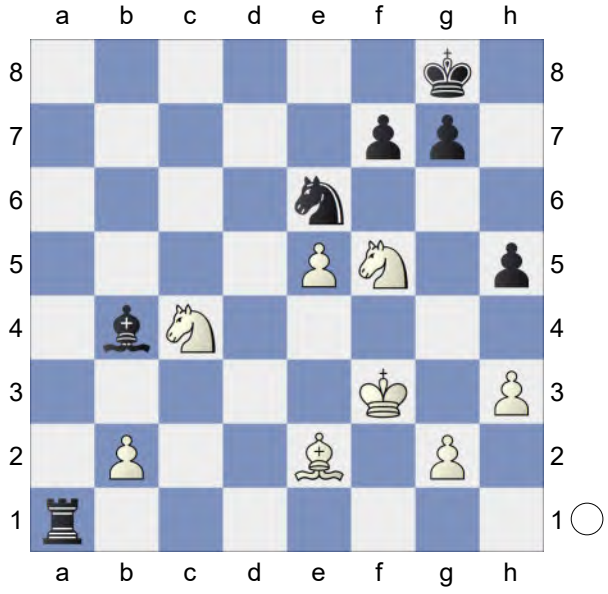
25.Ra5 0.67/20 Black is weak on the light squares
[25.Bc3!± 1.12/21]
25...Bb4!±



26.Rd5 -0.80/22
[26.Ra2!± 1.01/21 keeps the pressure on.]
26...Nef6∓ 27.Bxf6 -1.41/20
[27.a7 Rc8 28.Bxf6 Nxf6=]
[White should play 27.Nfe5 -1.05/21 Nxe5 28.Rxe5 *(28.Bxe5 Nxd5 29.Bxb8 Nf6∓)*]
27...Nxf6 28.Rd1 Rxa6 29.e5 Nh5
30.Nd4 Rd8



31.Ke2 Nf4+ 32.Kf3 Ne6 Black is more active. **33.Nf5** -1.83/20
[33.Nxe6∓ -1.47/21 Rxd1 34.Bxd1 fxe6 *(34...Rxe6? 35.Ke4-+)* 35.Bc2]
33...Rxd1-+ 34.Bxd1 Ra1 35.Be2 h5



36.Bd3 Rd1 37.Ke2 Rc1 38.Kf3 Dodges Nf4 **38...g6 39.Nfe3 Bc5 40.h4** -2.44/20
[⌓40.Nd5 -1.97/19]
40...Kg7

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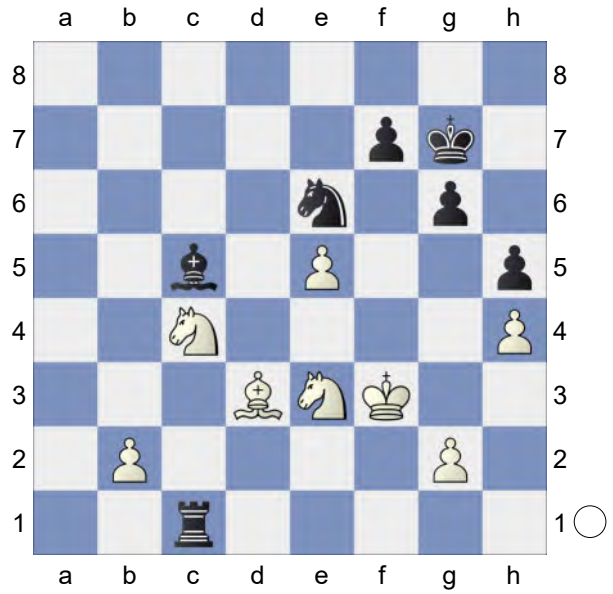
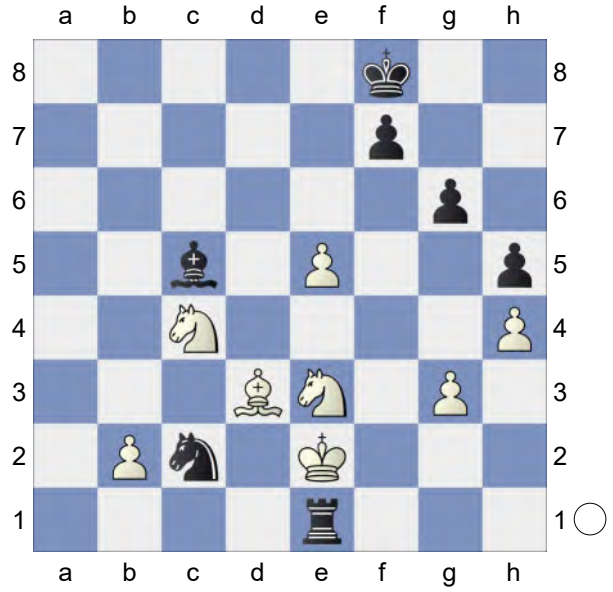


41.g3 Kf8 42.Ke2 Nd4+ 43.Kf2 Nc2 44.Ke2? -4.91/24

[44.Bxc2 -2.45/22 Rxc2+ 45.Kf3 Bxe3 46.Nxe3 Rxb2 47.Nd5]

44...Re1+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

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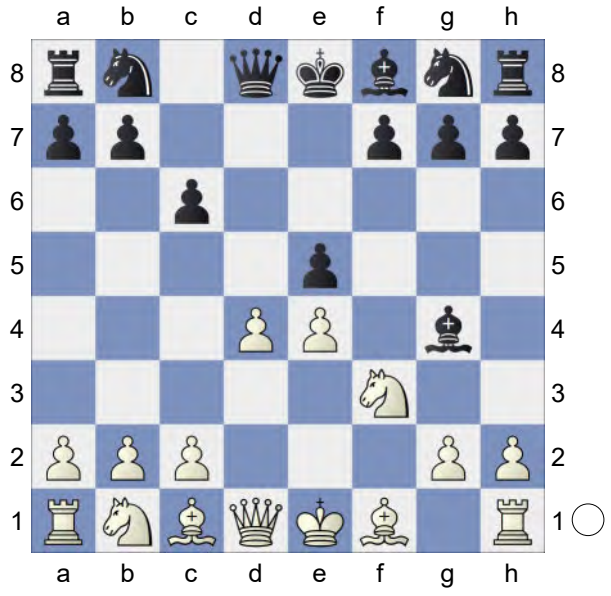
95 **B12**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2784**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2843**
Grenke Chess Classic 5th (1) 31.03.2018
[Stohl,I]

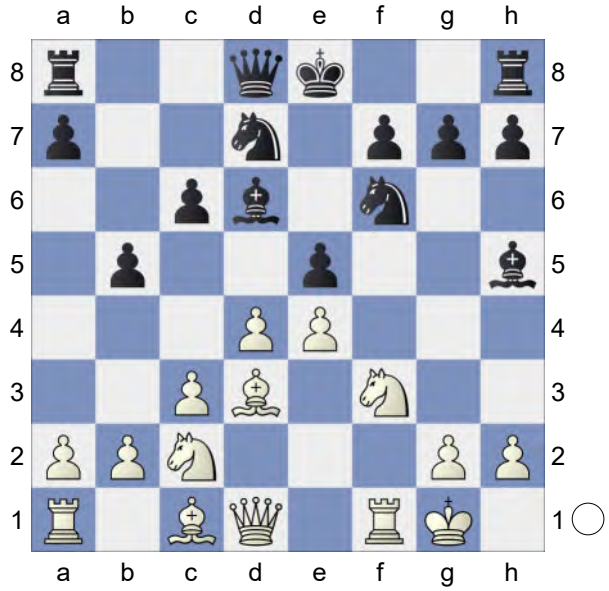
Prematch games between the challenger and the title-holder always have an increased psychological significance. In this case Carlsen did put his opponent under serious pressure, but in the end Caruana escaped and went on to score a resounding tournament victory.
1.e4 Stohl,Igor Stohl,Igor Stohl,Igor Stohl,Igor: 'Stohl,I' **1...c6 2.d4 d5** Already a slight surprise. **3.f3** The World Champion plays the Grünfeld from time to time, but Fabiano is not interested.
3...dxe4
[3...g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e5 c5 6.f4 cxd4 7.Qxd4 Be6!]
[3...e6 4.Nc3 Qb6]
4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



Black puts his pawns on the dark squares in King's Indian fashion. This is an important moment, deciding the character of the game and he also had other options: **6.c3 Nd7!? 7.Bd3 Ngf6** Here we are gradually entering uncharted territory. **8.0-0** Yermolinsky criticises this move and he is probably right. **8...Bd6 9.Na3 b5**
[9...Bxa3 10.bxa3 0-0∞ 11.Rb1 Re8! *(11...b5 12.Qe1 Re8≅ or 13.dxe5)*
A) 12.Rxb7 exd4 13.cxd4 Complications after 13...Nxe4 14.Bf4 Ndf6 15.Be5 *(15.Qb3 Be6)* 15...Nd6;
B) 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rxb7 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 15.Bf4 *(15.Qc2∓ /∞* Although here the engine gives Black an advantage, the issue is not quite clear, as the extra pawn isn't making itself felt and White has kingside counterplay. *Ndf6?)* 15...Ndf6 16.Qb3 *(16.Be5 Nd6 17.Rb3 Nd5 18.Qc1 f6 19.Bh2 Qd7)* 16...Nd6 17.Bxd6_ ≤Qxd6 18.Bc4 *(18.Qb4 Qg3)* 18...Re7 *(18...Rf8)* 19.Rxe7 Qxe7 20.g4 Bg6 21.Ne5= and White has nothing to fear The main alternative is 21...Rf8!? However, Magnus maybe didn't like 22.Qb4!?]
10.Nc2N A novelty, Caruana feels it's necessary to open the centre. **10...Bh5**
[10...0-0 11.Ne3∓ is possibly even stronger. A more resilient way was 11...c5 12.Nxg4 Nxg4 13.h3 *(13.Bxb5 exd4 14.cxd4!? cxd4 15.h3 Ngf6∞)* 13...Ngf6
A) or 14.Bg5∓ /∓ doesn't give sufficient compensation and is more suitable for shorter time-controls. cxd4?! 15.cxd4↑ suits White. exd4?!;
B) 14.Bxb5 exd4 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 *(16.Bxd7 Nxd7 17.Nxd4∓* The best was ⌓*17...Nf6!)* 16...Bc5

17.b4 *(17.Be3 Ne5)* 17...Bxb4 *(17...Bb6* with repetition. *18.Bb2)* 18.Bf4 Nxe4 19.Bc6 Nc3 20.Qf3 Rc8 21.Kh1∓ also isn't ideal, White doesn't have enough for the exchange, Nf6?!;

C) 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5∓ /⇄ 16.Bxb5 might transpose into the above line. ≤Qb6 17.Bc4_ Relatively best, after 17...Rae8 18.Qf3 *(*The piece sacrifice *18.Bd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 f5)* 18...Nxe4 19.Bf4 Nd6 20.Bd5 Bxf4 *(20...Qxb2 21.Rab1∓ Qa3 22.Bxe5 Rxe5 23.Bxf7+∓* only helps Black to get out his forces. *)* 21.Qxf4∓ Black's pawns are far more dangerous and have better support, than the lone warrior on f6.]



11.Ne3 0-0 12.Nf5 Qc7

[12...Bc7 gives Black a pleasant choice between 13.Bg5 and 13...h6 Carlsen wants to avoid complications, but 14.Bh4!?]

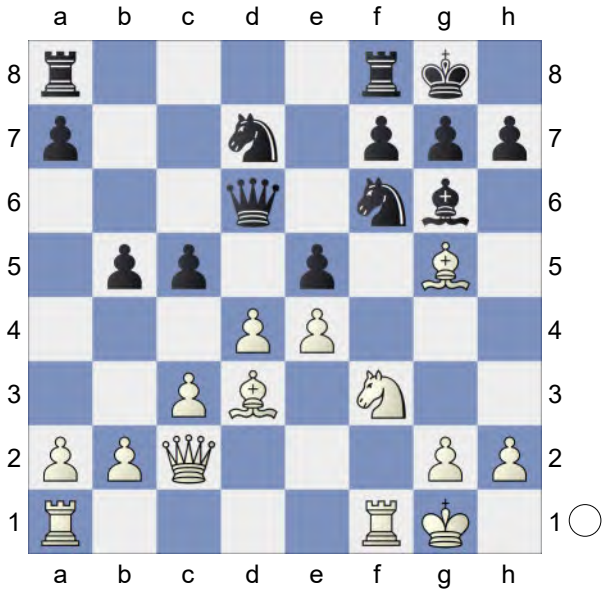
13.Qc2

[13.Qe1 Bg6 *(13...Bxf3 14.Rxf3 exd4 15.cxd4 Bxh2+* disarms White's pawns, so the ♙c2 will decide the issue. *16.Kh1?; 13...Rae8 14.Bg5)* 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 White has to return 15.Bg5 and]

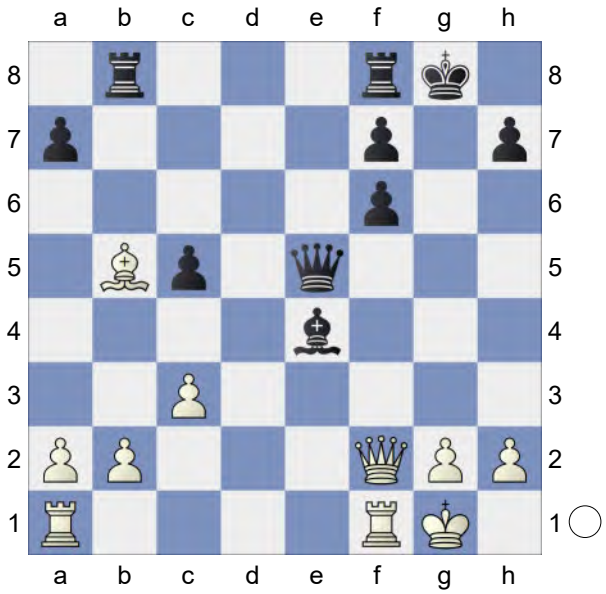
[13.Bg5= and White retains the ♙f6. exd4 *(13...h6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Qd2 Rfe8 16.Nxh6+!-+* and White's pawns drop off. *Kh8? 17.Qg5+-* indicates the threat, so Black chops off the ♘e4. *)* 14.cxd4-+ doesn't help, White must seek active counterplay. Both 14...Bxh2+∓ and 15.Kh1∓ give him excellent winning chances. Yermolinsky gives the pretty line Bf4 16.Bxf4 Qxf4 17.Qc1 Qxc1 18.Raxc1]

13...Bg6 14.Nxd6!? Continuing in the spirit of 10.dxe6, Caruana seeks activity even if it weakens his setup. **14...Qxd6** While the text move is very logical, even **15.Bg5 c5**

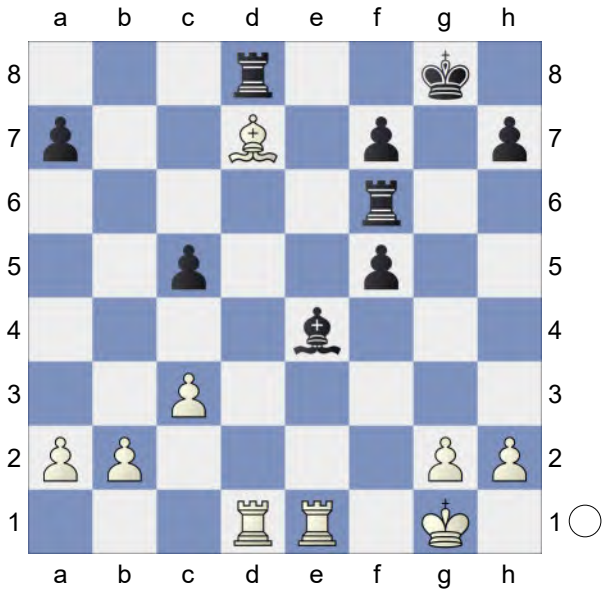
[15...Rfe8 16.Bxf6 so he improves it with tempo. Even stronger was 16...gxf6! , taking away the b4-square from White's ♖. After 17.Rad1 exd4 18.cxd4 Rad8]



16.dxe5? Only this definitely tips the scales in Black's favour.
[16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Bxb5-+ cxd4 18.cxd4 exd4 19.Qc6 *(Black's ♔ is misplaced after 19.Rad1? Ne5)* 19...Qxc6 20.Bxc6! Rad8 21.Rad1 *(21.Bd5 d3!; 21.Nxd4 Ne5 22.Bd5 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Rxd4-+* and the mobile queen picks up White's pawns.*)* 21...Ne5 22.Bd5 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3]
16...Nxe5 Now Black's central pawns get moving. **17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Bxb5 Bxe4**
[19...c4 Black must in advance see another only move
A) 20.Bxc4 Other moves don't help either: 20...Qc5+;
B) 20.Ba6 Bxe4 21.Qf2 Bd3 22.Rfe1-+ *(22.Qxf6 Qe3+ 23.Rf2! Rab8)* 22...Qd6 23.Qg3+ *(23.Bb5! Δ Rab8 24.Ba4 Kg7)* 23...Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rab8 25.b4 Rb6 26.b5 Re6 27.Bb7! Rb8 28.Bc6-+ Kf8 allows;
C) 20.Bd7! Bxe4 21.Qf2 Rad8 22.Rad1 Bd3 23.Rfe1 Qc7 24.Bg4-+ Unlike for an engine, calculating this over the board would be really a great feat. Right after the game the players themselves were not aware of this "simple" win, thinking that Black had already squandered his chances earlier. Kg7]
20.Qf2
[20.Qe2 Rad8 21.Rae1 f5= This could be achieved only by the paradoxical prophylaxis 22.Bc6!! , but after Qe6 23.Bxe4 fxe4 *(23...Qxe4 24.Qh5)* 24.Qxe4 Qxe4 25.Rxe4]
20...Rab8



21.Bd7 More or less forced.
[21.a4 f5 22.Rae1= leads only to repetition. Qc7? 23.Re3+- turns the tables]
21...Rfd8 22.Rad1 Rb6! 23.Rfe1 f5 24.Qh4 Qf6 25.Qxf6 Rxf6



26.Ba4 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rg6 28.Rd2?! The ♘ won't gain a foothold on e4.
28...f4 29.Bd1 Kg7 30.Kf1 Rh6

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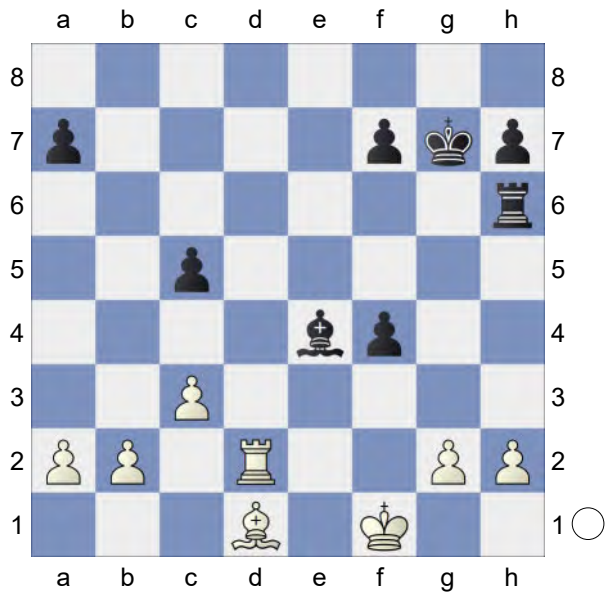
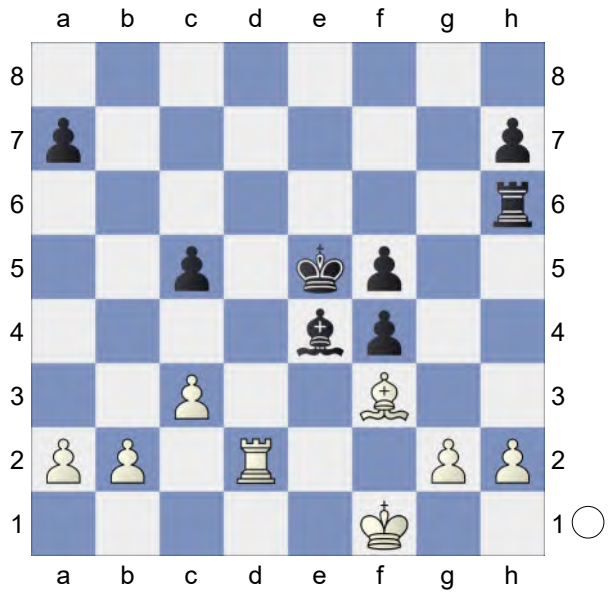


31.Kg1 Rg6 32.Rf2 f5 33.Kf1 Kf6 Good, but Black was already spoilt for choice. **34.Bf3 Ke5 35.Rd2 Rh6**



36.Kg1 a5 37.b3! Rb6! 38.Kf2 Ra6
[38...c4 39.bxc4 a4]
39.Rd8 a4 40.Re8+ Kd5

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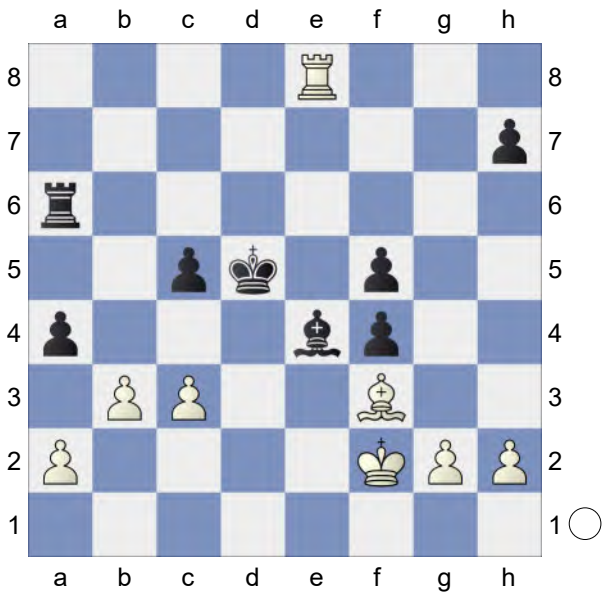
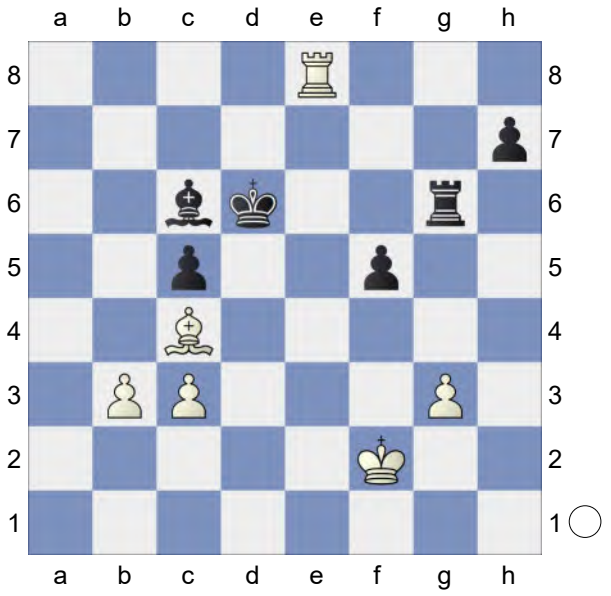
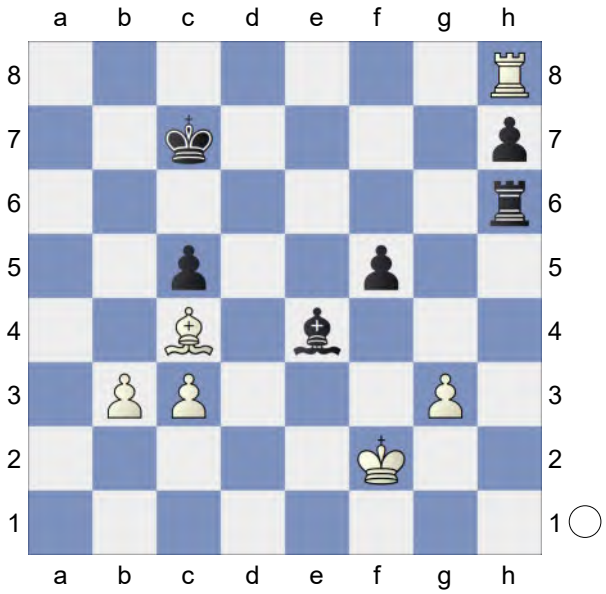


41.Be2 Rg6 42.g3 axb3
[42...a3]
43.axb3 fxg3+ A longer series of logical and more or less forced moves led to an interesting ♖ endgame. Black has a distinct advantage, as his pawns are further advanced and can be quickly supported by his ♔, but bringing home the full point still requires precision, as the position is already very simplified.
44.hxg3 Kd6 45.Bc4 Bc6

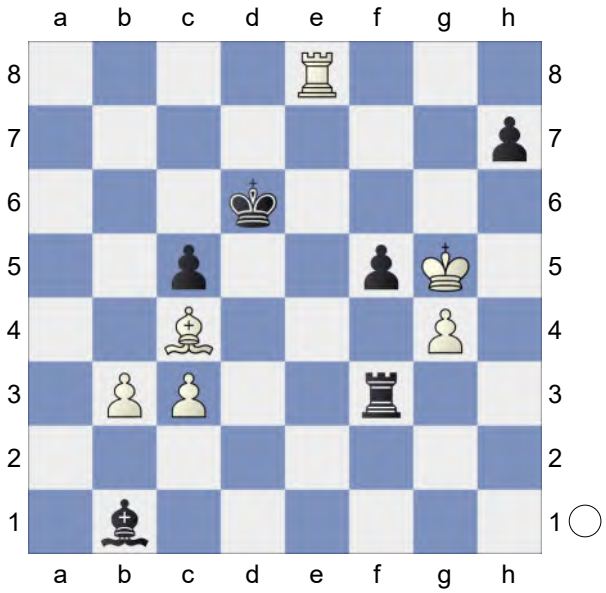


46.Rf8 Be4 Straightforward and should have been sufficient. **47.Rb8 Kc7**

48.Re8 Kd6 49.Rb8 Kc7 50.Rh8 Rh6



51.Ke3 Rh2 52.g4 Kd6 53.Re8 Rh3+ 54.Kf4 Rf3+? Here this advance doesn't have the idea from move 46, it's too slow and throws away the win. **55.Kg5 Bb1**



56.Re6+ Kc7 57.Re5 fxg4 58.Rxc5+ Kb6 59.Rb5+ White's pawns are too far advanced and Black must give a perpetual. The golden moment is already gone, **59...Kc6 60.Kxg4 Rxc3**

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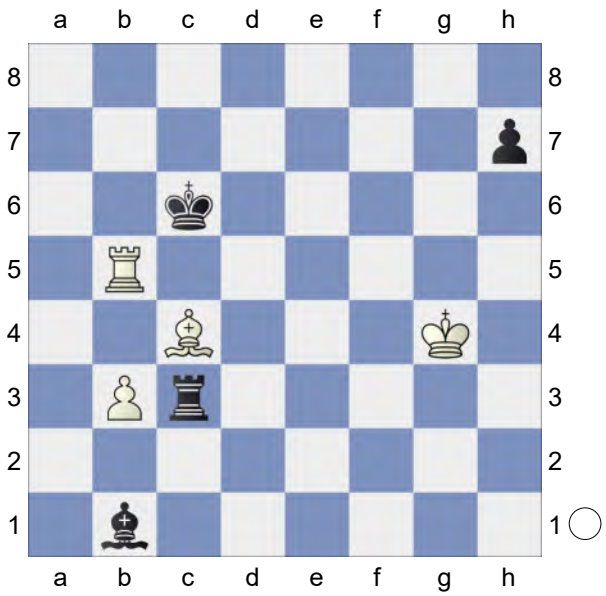

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96 **B12**
□ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2520**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2651**
3. elllobregat Open 2022 (3.5) 02.12.22
[Postny,Evgeny]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 Daniel Fernandez **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4**
[4...e6 Daniel Fernandez 5.a3 was discussed at some length on this site.]
5.Bc4 Daniel Fernandez: '!?' Daniel Fernandez: 'An intriguing continuation and a pseudo-gambit (Black would be ill-advised to try and cling onto the pawn at this stage.)'
[5.fxe4 Daniel Fernandez e5 6.Nf3 exd4 7.Qxd4 leads to some typical IKP positions. Be6 *(7...Nd7 is maybe a touch more accurate)* 8.Bf4 Ne7 9.Bd6 Ng6 10.Bxf8 Rxf8 11.0-0-0 *(11.Qxg7!? Qxb2 12.Rb1 Qa3 13.Rxb7 Nd7 14.Qd4∞)* 11...Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 Yoo, C-Xiong,J Saint Louis 2022]
[5.Nxe4 Daniel Fernandez Nf6 and between f3 and ...Qb6 it seems to me that Black has made the more useful insertion relative to a Classical.]
5...Nf6

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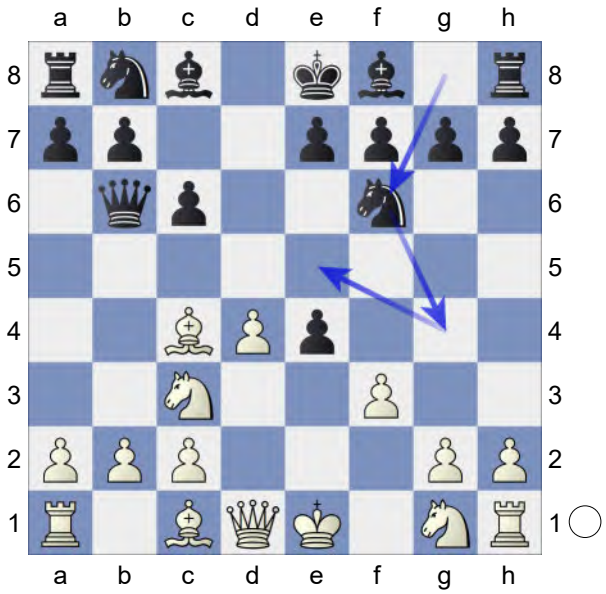

6.fxe4
[6.a4!? (Daniel Fernandez) is always an interesting try against early ...Qb6 systems in the Caro but it is also valid to ask what White has accomplished if Black simply answers with a5]
6...e5 7.dxe5
[7.Nf3 exd4 8.Qxd4 *(8.Nxd4? -0.48/19* 8.Qxd4 0.07 *Bg4∓)* 8...Qxd4 9.Nxd4 Bc5= 0-1 (52) Agrest,I (2275)-Ducarmon,Q (2479) Chess.com INT 2019]
7...Ng4 8.Qe2 Dodges Qf2+. The position is equal. **8...Nxe5 9.Bb3 Bg4** Daniel Fernandez: '!?' Daniel Fernandez: 'On sufficiently high depth the engine gives its usual verdict of 0.00.'
[9...Nbd7 (Daniel Fernandez) shuts the c8-bishop in to some extent, and so in a few moves time White will have some sort of advantage in development, e.g. 10.Nf3 Be7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Kb1↑]
10.Nf3 Nbd7

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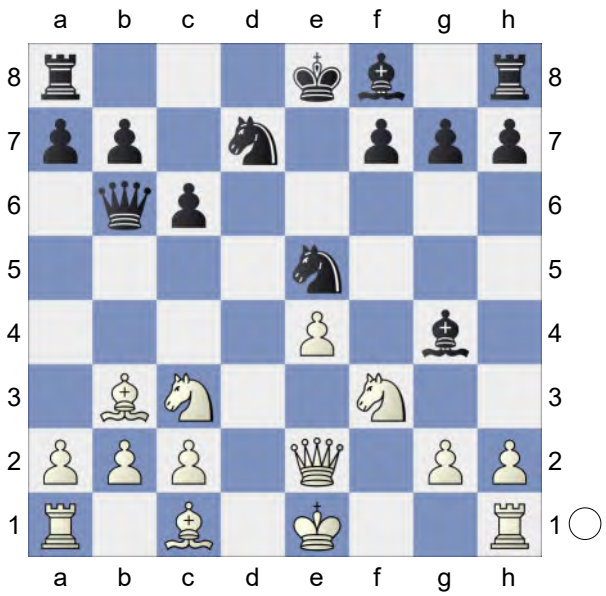

11.Bd2N
[11.Bf4 is interesting. Bb4 12.0-0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qc5 14.Be3]
11...0-0-0
[11...Bb4
A) 12.0-0-0 Nc5 13.h3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 a5! 15.Bc4 -0.24/21 *(⌓15.Bf4 0.13/20 Nxb3+ 16.axb3 Bxc3 17.bxc3)*
A1) 15...0-0-0 16.Bb3 Rxd2! 17.Qxd2 Strongly threatening Qg5. a4! 18.Qd4 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 axb3 20.Qxe5 bxa2 21.b3! Na4! aiming for ...Qc5. 22.Rd3 Qb4 23.bxa4 Qb1+ 24.Kd2 Qxh1 25.Qf5+ Kb8 26.Qe5+ Ka8 *(26...Kc8!? 27.Qf5+□ Kb8 28.Qe5+ Ka7 29.Qa5+ Kb8 30.Rd8+ Rxd8+ 31.Qxd8+ Ka7 32.Qa5+ Kb8 33.Qd8+ Ka7 34.Qa5+ Kb8 35.Qd8+=)* 27.Qa5+=;
A2) 15...Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Ne6 17.f4 Qc5 18.Qe2?! 0.04/20 *(18.Qxc5 Bxc5 19.f5±; 18.Qxc5±* 0.51/20 is more appropriate. *Nxc5 19.a3 Bxc3 20.Bxc3 Nxe4 21.Bxg7)* 18...0-0-0= 0-1 (62) Riemay,D (2187)-Pubantz,J (2288) Verden 2023;
B) 12.h3 Be6 0.53/20 *(12...Bh5=* 0.08/20 *)* 13.Bxe6± fxe6 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Qh5+ Nf7 16.0-0-0 0-0 17.a3 Be7 18.e5 Rad8 19.Qe2 ½-½ (19) Sorcinelli,A (2318)-Khlopov,S (2331) LSS email 2020]
[11...Be7 12.0-0-0 Nc5 13.Be3 Nxb3+ 14.axb3 Bc5 15.Bf4 Ng6 16.Bg3 0-0=]
12.h3
[12.0-0-0 Bh5 *(12...Bb4* Daniel Fernandez *13.a3 Ba5 14.Na4* Repels Nc5 *Qc7=)* 13.Kb1 Bb4 14.a3 Ba5 15.Na4! Repels Nc5 Qc7=]
12...Nxf3+ This looks like a concession, but Black will be able to put pressure on Whites' structure.
[There is nothing wrong with 12...Bh5 ...Nxf3+ would now be deadly. 13.g4 Bg6 14.0-0-0 Bb4=]
[Don't play 12...Bxf3?! 13.gxf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0±]
13.gxf3 Bh5 14.0-0-0 Ne5 15.Na4?!
[15.Rhf1 - transposes to the above mentioned game Tomczak-Goluch. Bb4= ½-½ (41) Tomczak,J (2603)-Goluch,P (2333) Suwalki 2021 16.Qg2 Daniel Fernandez Bxc3 0.45/21 *(16...Rhe8=* -0.24/19 *)* 17.Bxc3 *(17.bxc3!? g6 18.f4=)* 17...Nxf3∞ Tomczak,J-Goluch,P Suwalki 2021]
15...Qc7
[15...Qb5 looks sharper. 16.Qf2 Nxf3 17.Bf4 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Qa5]

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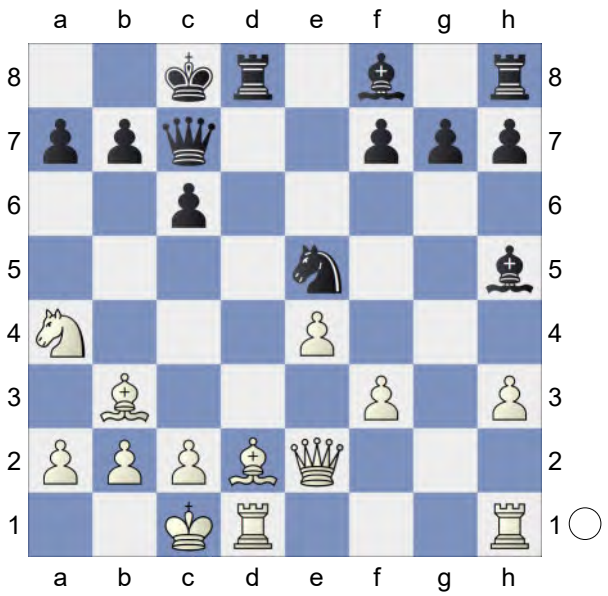

16.Rhf1 Be7 Black is slightly better. The pressure on the ♙f3 is annoying for White.

[16...b5!? 17.Nc3□ Bb4=]

17.Kb1 Daniel Fernandez: 'Both sides have completed development and the deficiencies of White's pawn structure might soon become clear.' **17...Kb8**

[17...h6 (Daniel Fernandez) with the idea of ...Bg5 was an even more ambitious way of arranging the pieces.]

18.a3 -0.38/18

[18.Qg2= 0.06/18]

18...Rd7 0.06/17

[18...g5∓ -0.38/18 should be considered.]

19.Be3 Rxd1+ 20.Qxd1 Rd8

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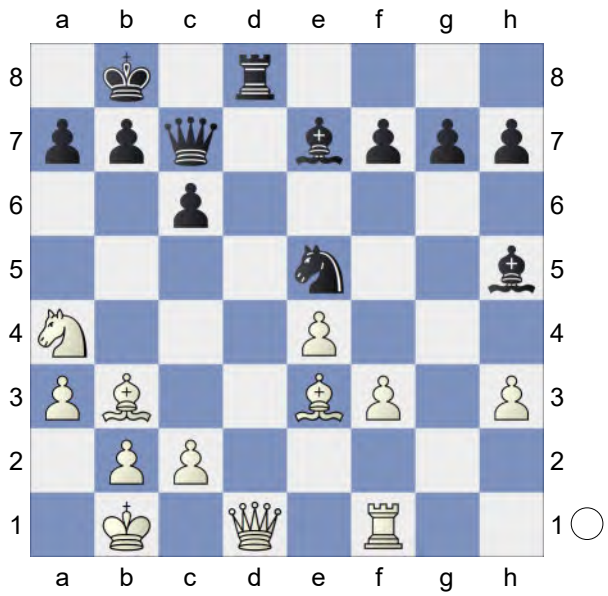


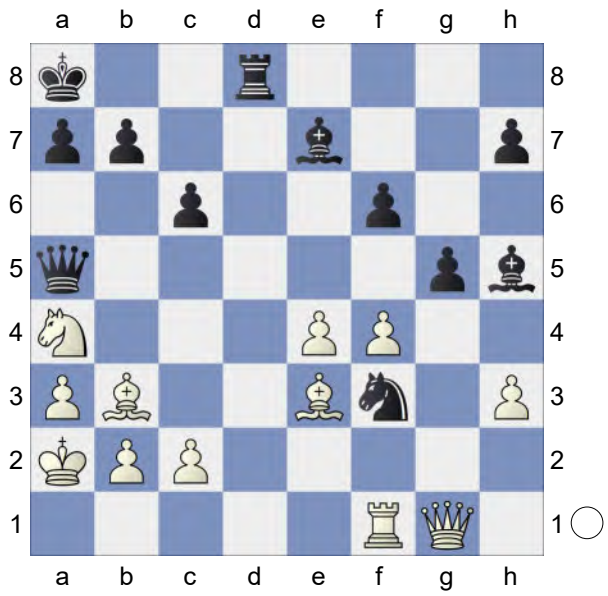
Prevents Qd4. **21.Qe2 Qa5 22.Ka2 f6 23.Qh2** -0.52/19

[23.Qg2!= 0.26/20 g5 24.f4 gxf4 25.Rxf4]

23...Ka8 0.20/20

[Black should play 23...c5!∓ -0.52/19 24.Nc3 Qa6]

24.Qg1 g5 25.f4 Nf3

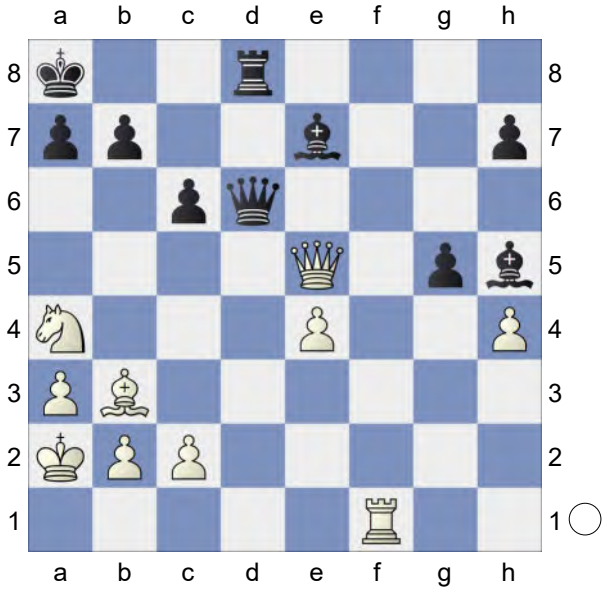


26.Qg3 Nd2

[26...Nd4 with more complications. 27.Bxd4 Rxd4 28.fxg5 Qxg5 29.Qc7 Qe5]

27.Bxd2 Qxd2 28.fxg5 fxg5 29.Qe5

Wards off Bg6 **29...Qd7** **30.h4** Daniel Fernandez: 'White has maintained the balance pretty well, I give only light notes on this middlegame though there are of course plenty of lines that a computer could illuminate better!' **30...Qd6**



31.Qg7 gxh4 0.71/24
[31...Bg6!= 0.11/23 32.e5 Bf8]
32.e5!± Qd7 2.27/20 Daniel Fernandez: '?!' Daniel Fernandez: 'Now White has a win, but it requires ridiculous levels of calculation to find.'
[32...Qc7 Daniel Fernandez 33.Nc5 Re8 34.Qxh7 Be2∞]
[32...Qc7± 0.91/24]
33.Qxh7+- Bg4 34.Rf7 Re8

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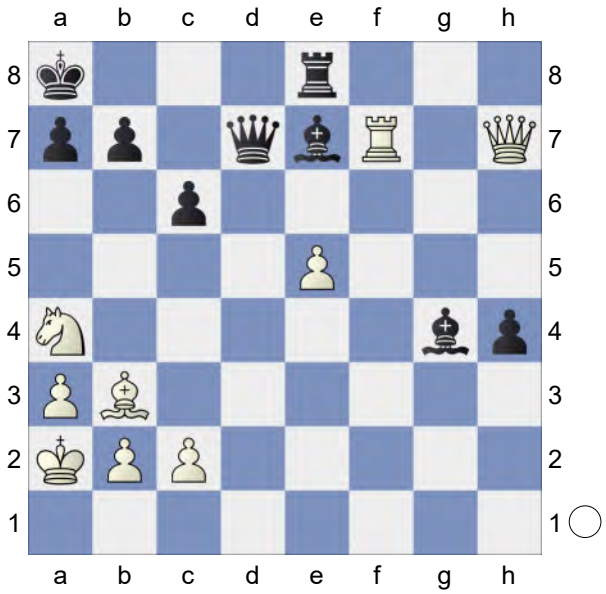
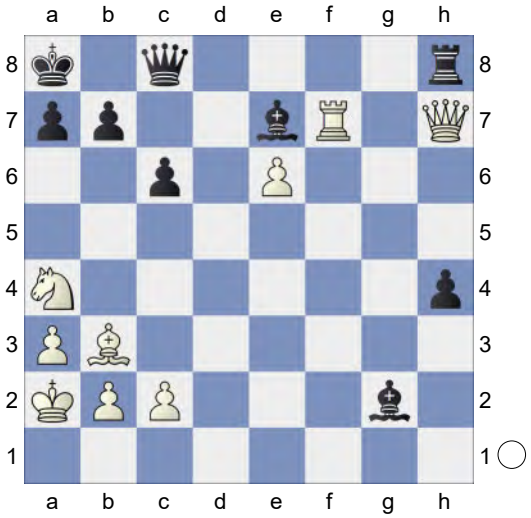


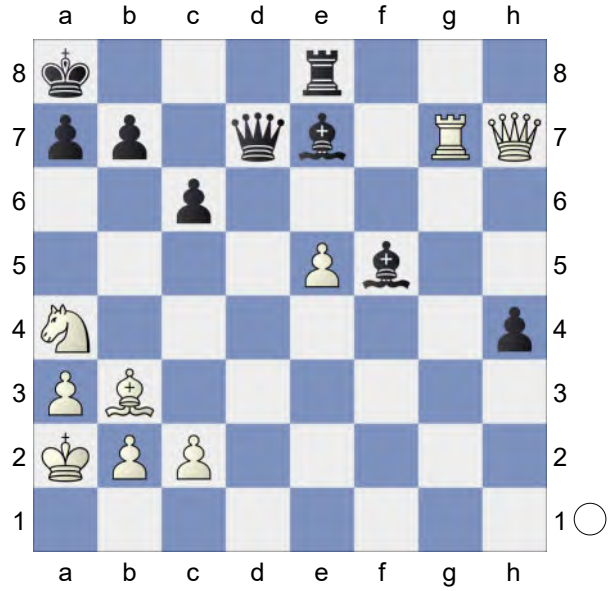
35.Rg7? -0.01/22
[35.Qg6! (Daniel Fernandez) is winning, after a line some 14 moves long involving a queen sacrifice. Qc8 36.e6 Bh3 37.Rf3 Rg8 38.Qh7 Bg2 39.Rf7 Rh8



40.Qg7! Rg8 41.Rxe7 Rxg7 42.Rxg7 Bf3 *(42...h3* Threatens to win with ... h2. *43.e7 Bf3* White must now prevent ...h2. *44.Rf7* White wants to mate with Rf8! *Bh5 45.Rf8* Against Qe8 *Qe8* ...h2! is the strong threat. *46.Nc5 h2 47.Ne6)* 43.e7 Bh5 Against Rf7 44.Rg8 Prevents h3 Qxg8 45.Bxg8 And now Be6 would

win. Kb8 46.Nc5 h3 47.Nd7+ Kc7 48.Nf6+- Only now is the outcome clear.]
[35.Nc5 Qd8 36.Ne6 Bxe6 37.Bxe6 a6±]
[White must play 35.Qg6!+- 2.58/21]

35...Bf5=



36.Qh5 Qc8
[36...h3 seems wilder. 37.Nc5 Qc8 38.e6 h2]
37.Rf7 Bg4 This pair of bishops is nice.
38.Qh7K White is not keeping still
[38.Qg6 keeps more tension. h3 39.e6 h2 40.Rh7]
38...Qd8 39.Qe4
[39.e6 is more complex. h3 40.Qg6 Rg8 41.Qh7]
39...Bc8 40.Qh7 -1.15/22
[40.Rh7 Daniel Fernandez Rh8 Hoping for ...h3. 41.e6_]
[40.Rh7= -0.21/25 keeps the balance.]
40...h3

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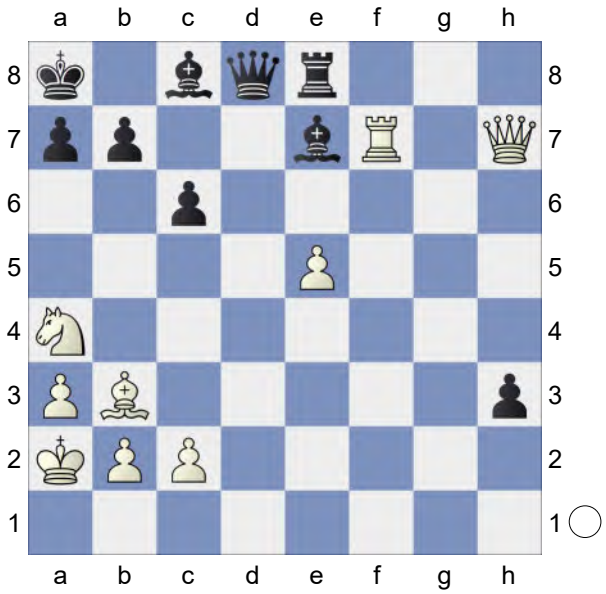
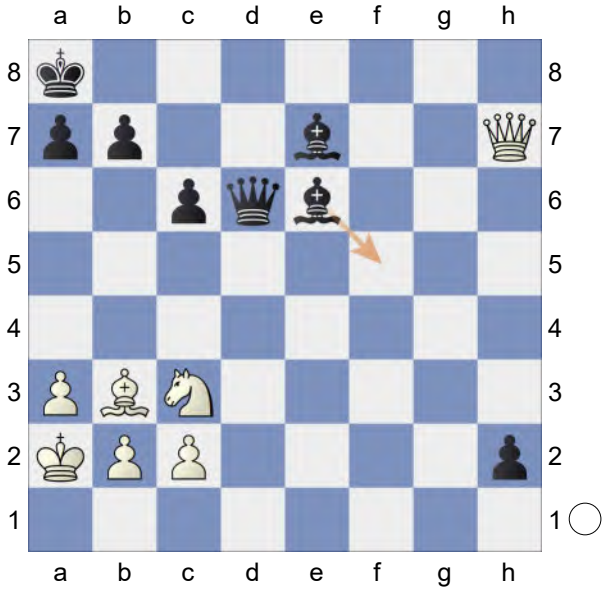


Daniel Fernandez: '∓' **41.e6?** -2.69/22
[41.Rf1∓ -1.05/21]
41...Rh8-+ 42.Qe4 h2 43.Rh7? -6.20/22 Inhibits h1Q.
[43.Rf1 -2.37/23]
43...Rxh7 44.Qxh7 Qd6 45.Nc3 Bxe6



46.Ne4 Qe5 47.Nf2 Bf6 48.Nd3 Bxb3+ -4.75/24
[⌓48...Bf5 -10.74/26 49.Qg8+ Qb8]
49.cxb3 Qb8 50.Nc5 -7.02/31
[⌓50.Nf2 -4.36/25]

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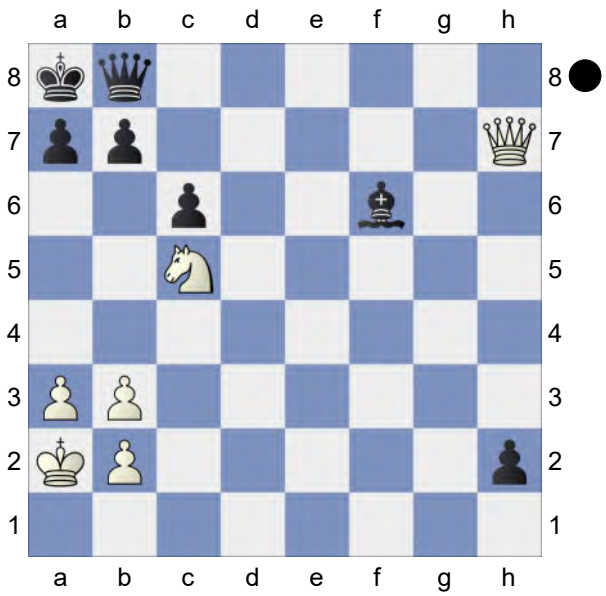
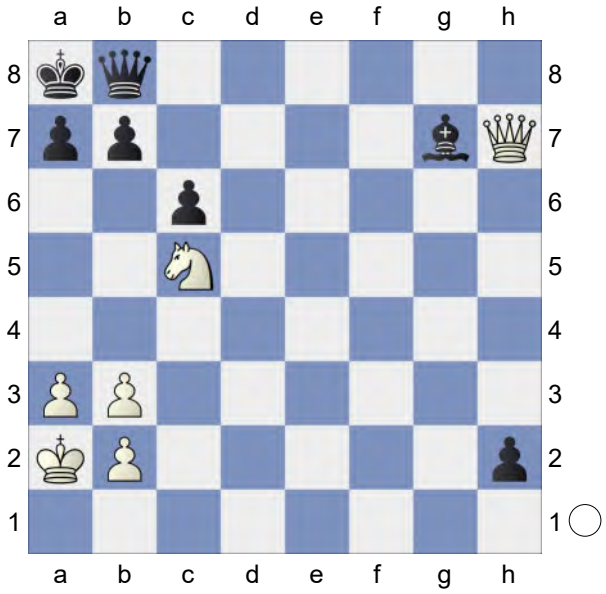


50...Bg7!



Promotion **51.Qh3**
[51.Nd3 Qh8]
51...Bd4 52.Ne6 Qh8 53.Qg3 Be5
[Weaker is 53...h1R 54.Nc7+ Kb8 55.Na6+ Ka8 56.Nc7+ Kb8 57.Na6+ Ka8 58.Nc7+=]

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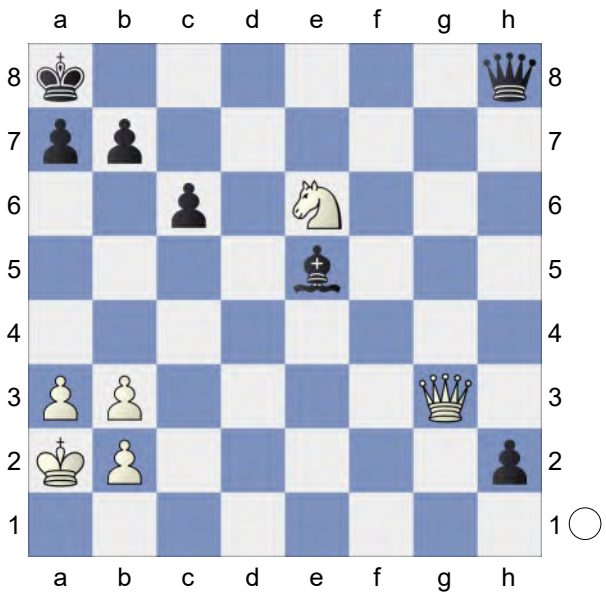

Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

97 **B12**
□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2674**
■ **Rozum,I** **2566**
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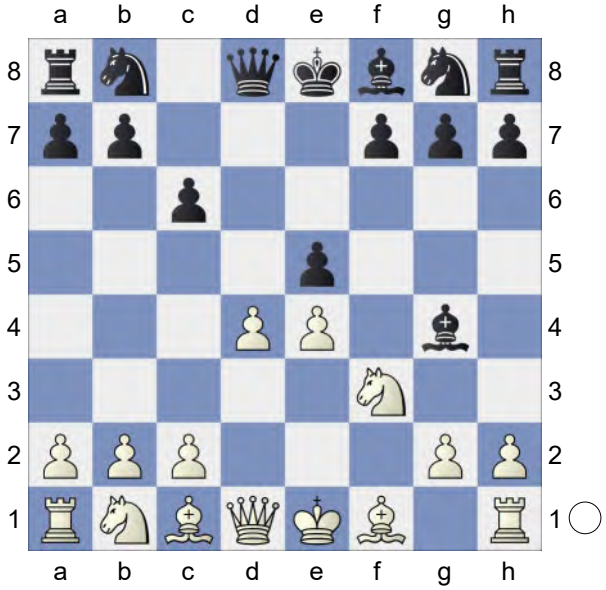
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.c3 Nd7 7.Bc4 Bh5 8.0-0
The position is equal.
[8.dxe5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
8...Ngf6 9.Qe1
[9.Bg5 Be7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Qe1 Ng4 12.Qh4 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 Ndf6 14.h3 Ne3 15.Rxf6 gxf6 16.Nxh7 Kg7 17.Nxf8 exd4 18.Qxh5 Xiong,J (2709)-Leiva,G (2391) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 148/(22) 2021]
9...Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7

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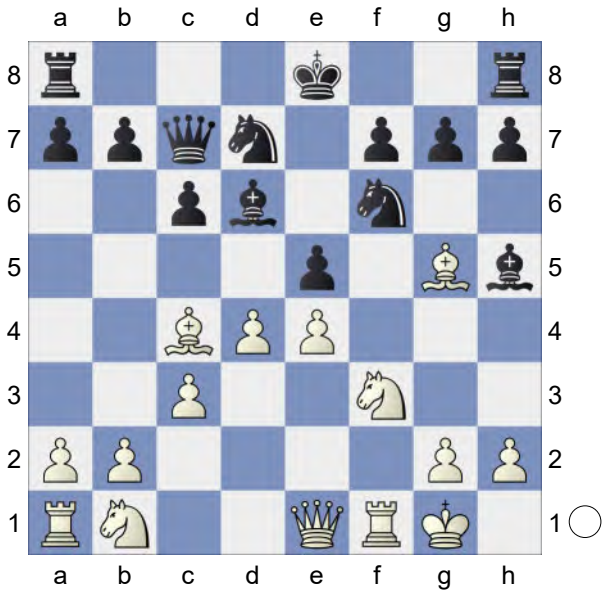


11.Nbd2 Bg6N Castling is more natural.
[11...0-0 - Oleksienko,M-Shankland,S/Dresden 2013 12.Qh4 Bg6 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.Kh1 b5 15.Bb3 c5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bd5 b4 20.Re3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rb8 22.Nc4 Bf4 23.Ree1 Bg5 24.Qf2 a5 25.h4 Bh6 26.h5 Bg5 1-0 (36) Maiko,J (2377)-3. ♘c3 ♘c6 4.d4 d5 5.ed5 î (2070) 71/325 Wijk aan Zee 1998 (1)]
[11...0-0-0!? This has never appeared in practice, but is worth checking.
A) 12.b4 h6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.b5! exd4 15.cxd4 Strongly threatening e5. Bb4 16.e5 Bxf3! 17.Rxf3 cxb5 0.04/22 *(17...Rxd4∓ -0.38/20 18.exf6 Rxc4 Pin)* 18.Bxb5= Rc1! is the strong threat. Qb6 19.Rc1+ Kb8 20.exf6 Qxd4+ 21.Kh1 Bxd2 22.Qg3+ Qd6 23.Qxd6+ Rxd6 24.fxg7 Rg8=;
B) 12.Bd3 Rhe8 13.Nc4 exd4 14.cxd4 Bg6! 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6∞]
12.Bd3 b5 Against Nc4Preventing the knight move to c4, but the pawn on b5 is a target now.
[After both castlings the knight jump to

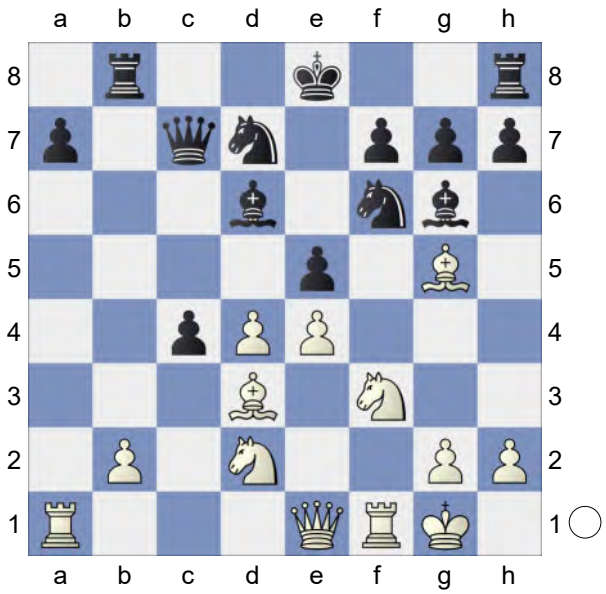
c4 is annoying for Black: 12...0-0-0 13.Nc4 exd4 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.e5 Nxe5! 16.Nxe5 Bxg6 would now be deadly. dxc3 aiming for ...Qc5+. 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Nf3 cxb2 19.Rb1!±]

[12...0-0 13.Nc4↑]

13.a4 Rb8 14.axb5 cxb5 15.c4! Correctly opening up the position as the black king is still in the centre. **15...bxc4** 1.28/20

[15...exd4 16.e5! Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rxa7! Qxa7 1.88/20 *(18...Qc5± 1.42/24)* 19.Qxe5++- Kf8 20.Rxf6! Re8 21.Qd6+ Kg8 22.Qc6±]

[15...Be7± 0.64/20]



16.Nxc4± 0-0 17.Rc1 White is more active. **17...Bb4**

[17...exd4? 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.e5+-]

18.Ncxe5 Discovered Attack **18...Bxe1 19.Rxc7 Nxe5 20.Nxe5**

[20.Nxe1 Nxd3 21.Nxd3 Bxe4=]

20...Ba5

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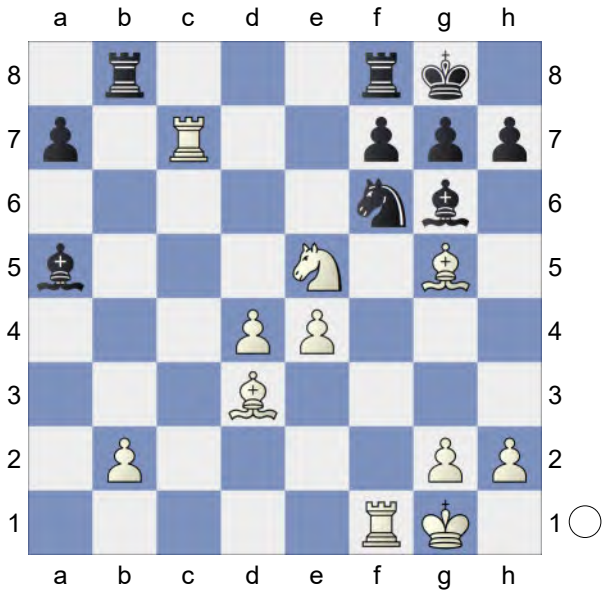
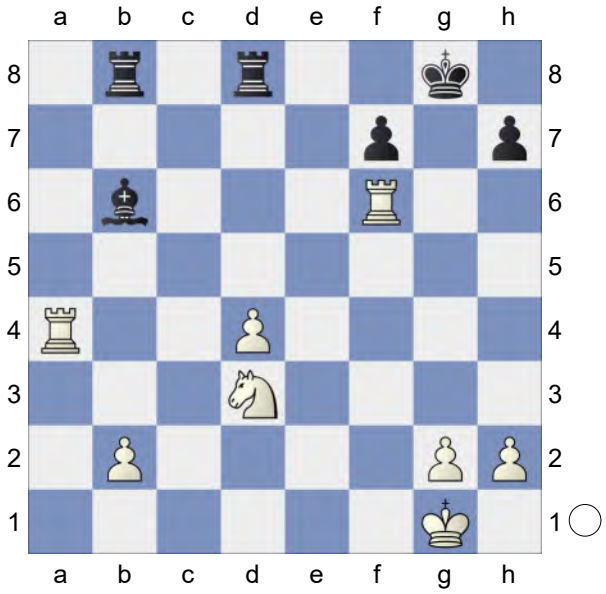


21.Rxa7 Bb6 22.Ra4 Bxe4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Rxf6 Bxd3 25.Nxd3 Rfd8



26.Rf4 Rxd4 27.Raxd4 Rd8

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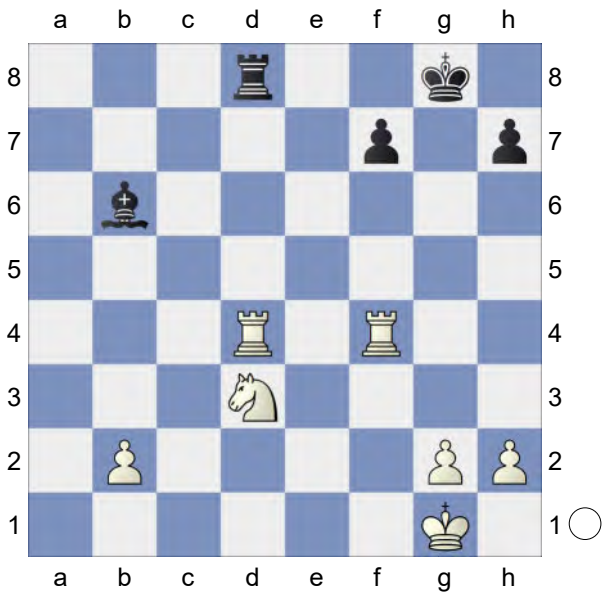
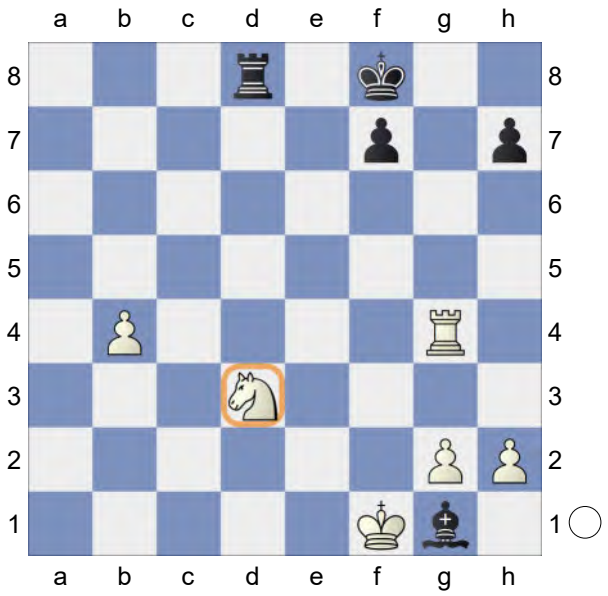


Pin **28.Kf1! Bxd4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Rg4+ Kf8 30.b4 Bg1**



Discovered Attack **31.Kxg1 Rxd3** KR-KR **32.Rg5 Rb3 33.b5 Rb2 34.Rh5 Kg7 35.g4 Kg6**

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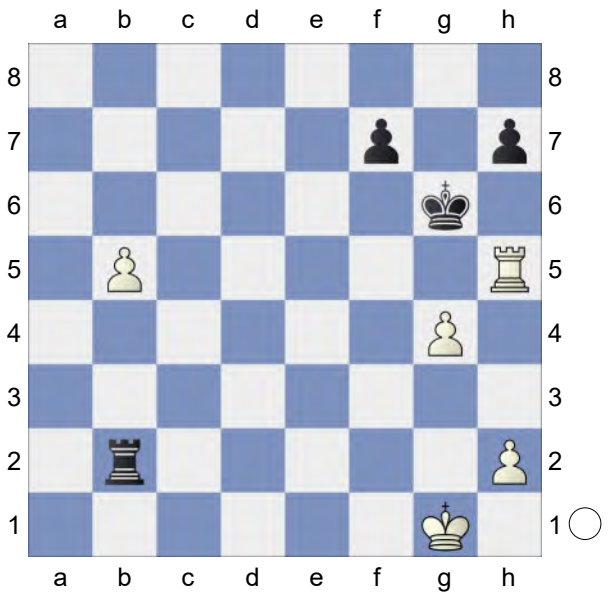
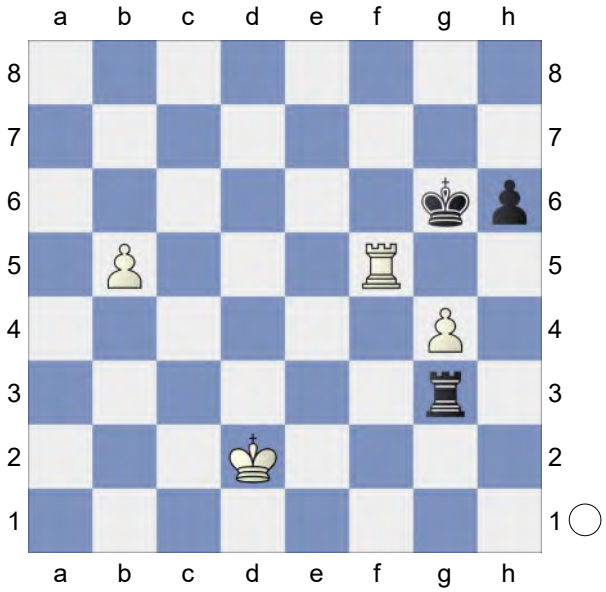


36.h3 h6 37.Kf1 Rh2 38.Ke1 Black must now prevent Kd1. **38...f5 39.Rxf5**

[39.gxf5+ Kxh5 40.Kd1 Rb2 *(40...Rxh3* leads to mate. *41.f6 Kg6 42.Kc2 Kxf6 43.b6 Rh5 44.Kd3 Rb5 45.Ke3 Rxb6 46.Kf4 h5 47.Ke4 h4 48.Kf4 h3 49.Kg3 Rb3+ 50.Kh2 Kg5 51.Kg1 Kf4 52.Kf2 h2 53.Kg2 h1R* Deflection, Back Rank *54.Kxh1 Kg3 55.Kg1 Rb1#)* 41.f6 Rxb5 *(41...Kg6 42.f7 Kxf7 43.h4 Rxb5 44.Kd2 Rh5 45.Ke3 Rxh4 46.Ke2 Kf6 47.Kf3 Kf5 48.Ke3 h5 49.Kd3 Re4 50.Kd2 h4 51.Kd1 h3 52.Kc2 h2 53.Kd1 h1Q+ 54.Kc2 Qf3 55.Kc1 Qf2 56.Kd1 Re1#)* 42.Ke2 Kh4 43.Kf3 Rf5+ *(43...Kxh3 44.Kf4 h5 45.f7 Rb8 46.Kf5 h4 47.Kf6 Kg3 48.Kg7 h3 49.f8Q Rxf8 50.Kxf8 Kf4 51.Kf7 Ke5 52.Ke8 h2 53.Kd8 h1Q 54.Kc7 Qd5 55.Kb6 Kd6 56.Ka7 Kc6 57.Kb8 Qb3+ 58.Kc8 Qg8#)* 44.Ke4 Rxf6 45.Ke5 Rf2 *(45...Kxh3 46.Kxf6 h5 47.Kg5 h4 48.Kg6 Kg2 49.Kh5 h3 50.Kg6 h2 51.Kf7 h1Q 52.Ke7 Qd1 53.Kf7 Qd6 54.Ke8 Kg3 55.Kf7 Kf4 56.Ke8 Kf5 57.Kf7 Qc7+ 58.Kf8*

Kf6 59.Kg8 Qg7#) 46.Ke4 Kxh3 47.Kd5 h5 48.Ke6 h4 49.Ke5 Kg3 50.Kd6 h3 51.Kc6 h2 52.Kd5 Rd2+ *(52...h1R 53.Kd4 Rd1+ 54.Kc3 Rf7 55.Kc2 Rd8 56.Kb3 Rc7 57.Ka4 Rb8 58.Ka5 Ra7#)* 53.Ke4 h1Q+ *(53...h1R 54.Kf5 Rh6 55.Kg5 Rhd6 56.Kf5 Re2 57.Kg5 Re5#)* 54.Ke5 Qh6 55.Kf5 Rd5+ 56.Ke4 Qe6#]

39...Rxh3 40.Kd2 Rg3



41.Rf8! Kg7? 3.59/24 Loses the game.
[41...Kg5± 1.00/25 keeps fighting.]
42.Rf4+- Rb3 Prevents Rb4. **43.Rf5 Kg6 44.Rc5 Rb4** 5.47/26
[⌓44...Kf7 3.67/27 45.Kc2 Rb4]
45.Kc3 Rxg4

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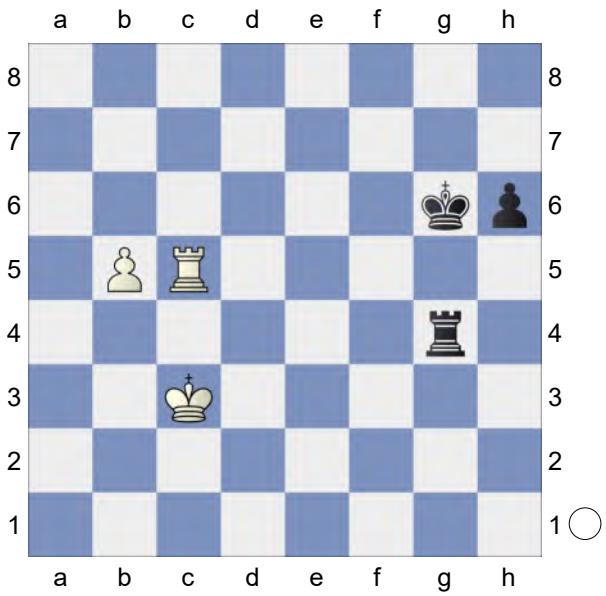
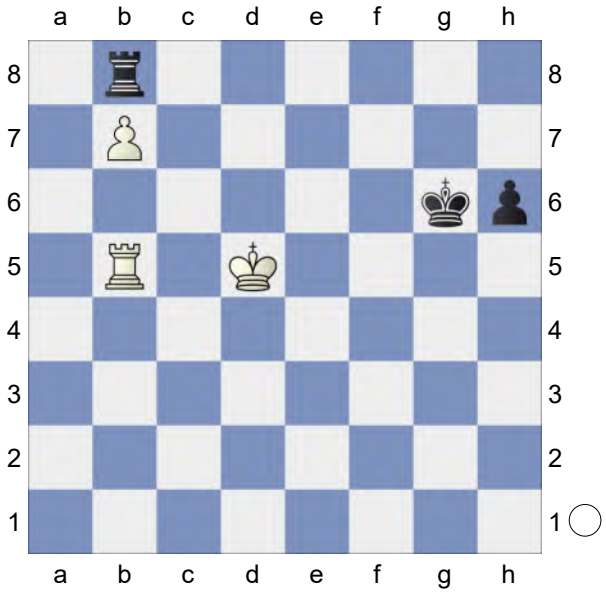


46.b6 Rg1 47.Kc4 Rb1 48.Rb5 Rc1+ 49.Kd5 Rc8 50.b7 Rb8



51.Kc6 h5 52.Kc7 Rh8 53.b8Q
[Weaker is 53.b8B h4=]
53...Rxb8 54.Kxb8

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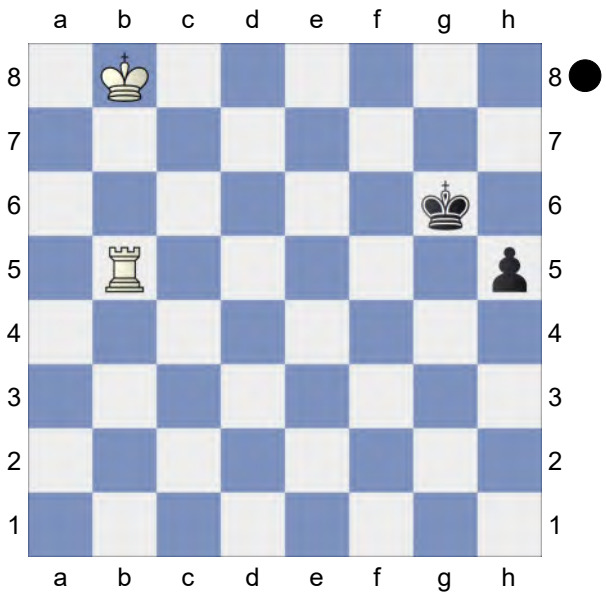

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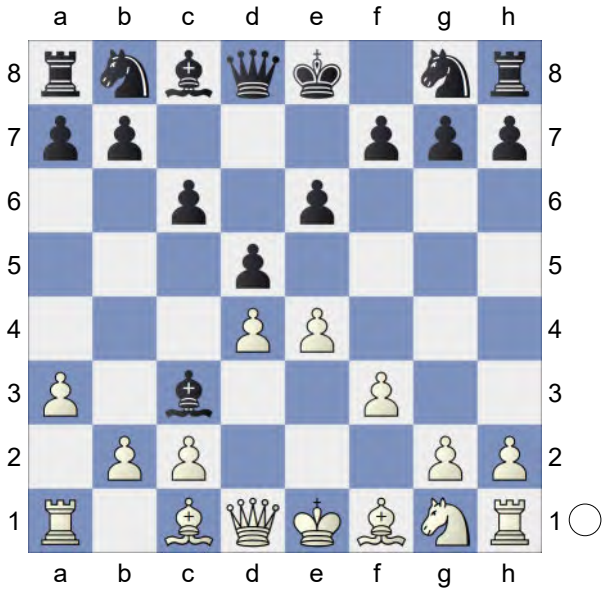
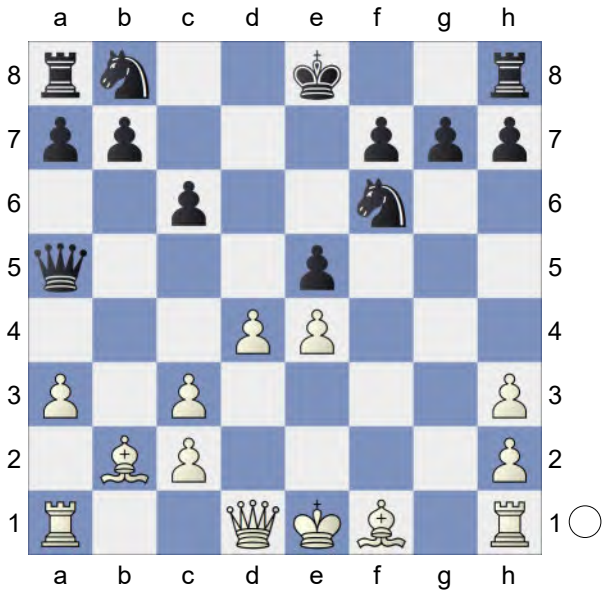
98 **B12**
□ **Vallejo Pons,Francisco** **2667**
■ **Rozen,Eytan** **2451**
Sant Boi de Llobregat op 4th (8) 7.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.a3 Bxc3+



6.bxc3 dxe4 **7.Nh3!** now scores much better than the old 7.Qe2.punktet besser als das ältere 7.De2. **7...Qa5** **8.Bb2** The position is equal. **8...e5** **9.fxe4 Bxh3 10.gxh3 Nf6**

(Diagram)



Prevents Qg4. **11.Bd3** 0.01/19
[11.Qf3± 0.42/21]
11...Nbd7 12.0-0 **0-0-0N**
[Vorgänger: 12...c5 13.Kh1 0-0-0 0.62/21 *(13...0-0= 0.26/21)* 14.Qf3 0.18/20 *(14.Qe2± 0.62/21* was preferrable.*)* 14...Qa4 15.Qe2 Rhe8 16.Bb5 Qa5 Strongly threatening ...exd4. 17.d5 Re7 18.Rf3 Ne8 ½-½ Polsterer,H (2460)-Martin Molinero,R (2426) EU-chT11 sf3 email 2017 [3]]
13.Kh1 Rhe8 14.Qf3 Nf8 15.Qf5+ Ne6 0.36/20
[15...Kb8= -0.05/18]

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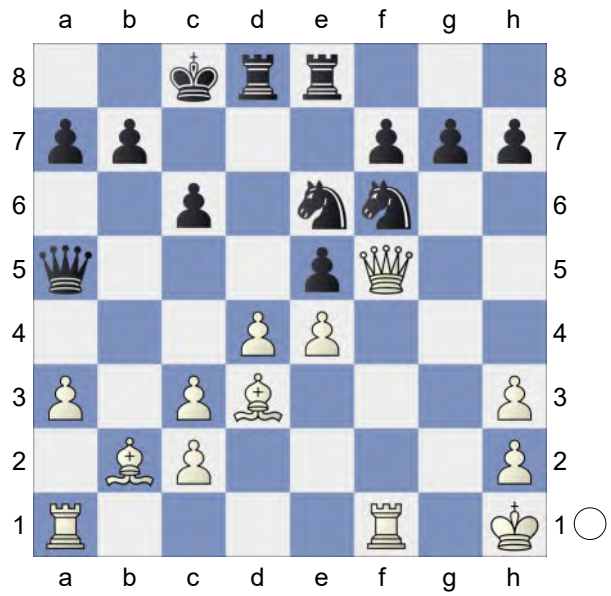
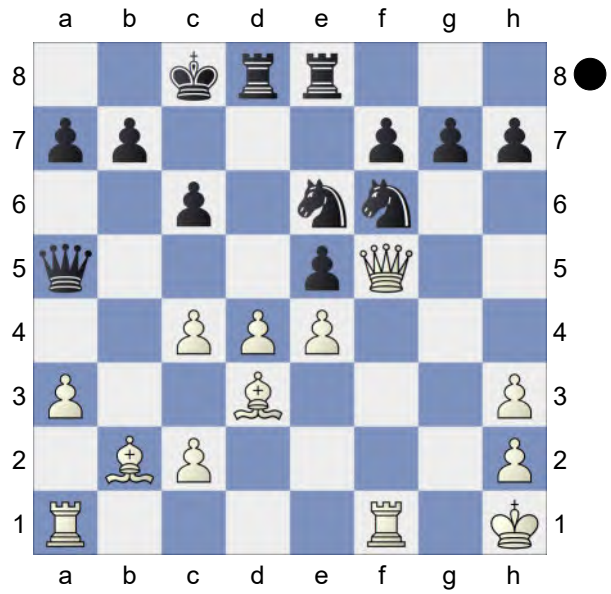
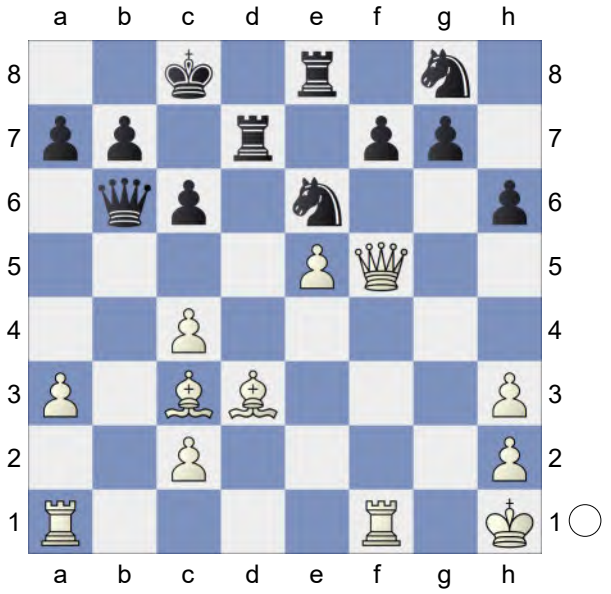


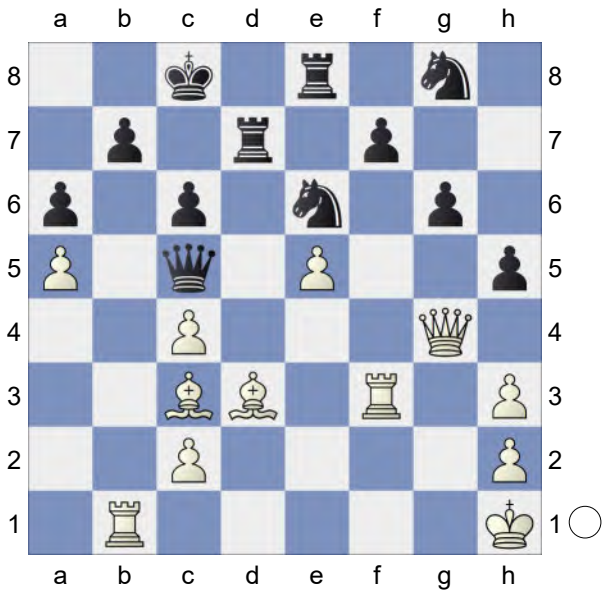
16.c4±
[16.Qxe5 Qxe5 17.dxe5 Nd7∓]
[16.dxe5 Nd7∓]



Hoping for d5. **16...Qb6** 0.71/20
[16...Nd7± 0.33/21]
17.Bc3± And now Rab1 would win.
[17.Rab1 exd4∓]
17...Rxd4
[17...exd4 18.Ba5 Qc5 19.Bxd8 Kxd8 *(19...Qxf5 20.Rxf5 Nxd8 21.Rg1+-)* 20.Rf2 *(20.e5 Nd7±)*]
18.Qxe5 Threatens to win with Rab1!
18...Rd7! 19.Qf5 h6 20.e5 Black must now prevent Rab1! **20...Ng8**



21.a4 Qe3 22.a5 g6 23.Qg4 a6 24.Rf3 Qc5 25.Rb1 h5!



26.Qg3 Nh6 27.Bb4! White stays focused until the end. **27...Qa7 28.Bd6** aiming for c5! **28...Nd4?** 3.95/22
[28...Qd4± 0.73/21 is more resistant.]

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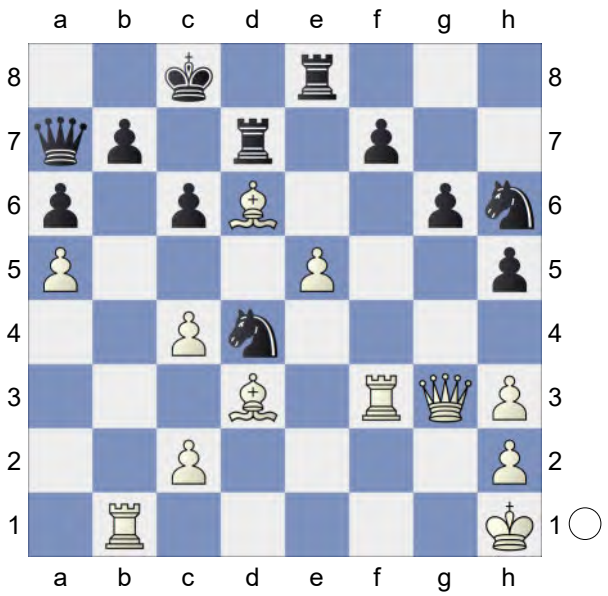
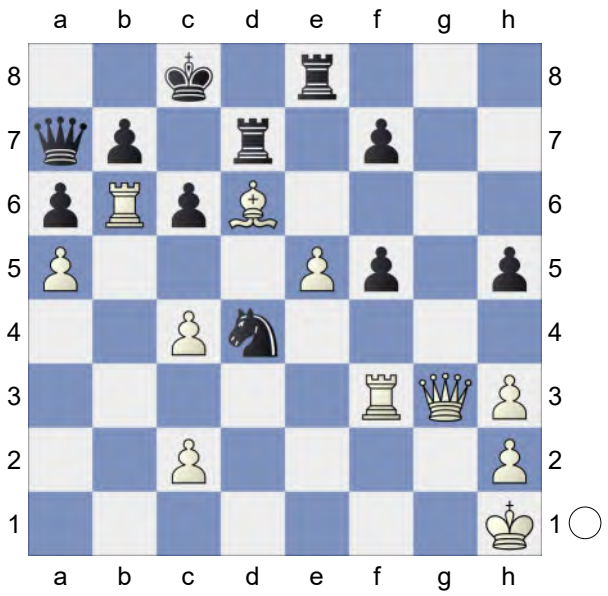
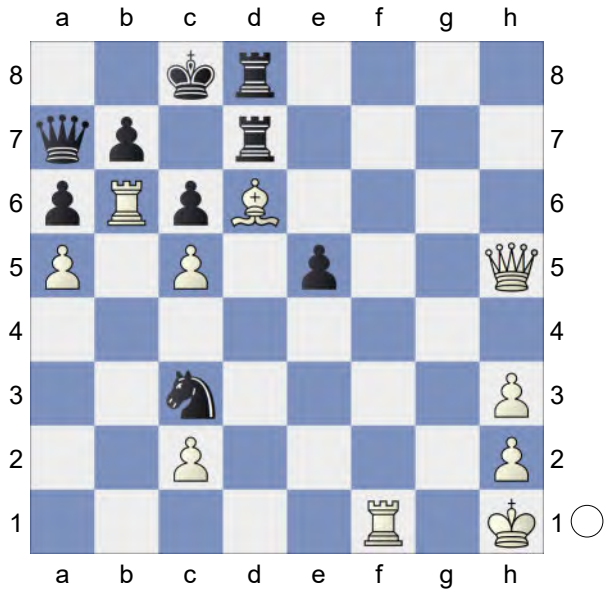


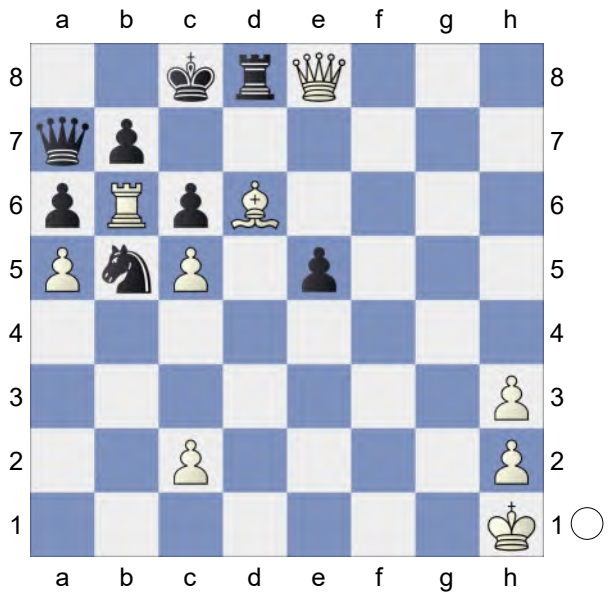
29.Rb6 1.87/20
[⌓29.Qf2! 3.95/22]
29...Nhf5? 3.66/24
[29...h4 1.87/20 30.Qxh4 Nxf3 31.Qxh6 Nd4 *(31...Nxe5? perishes. 32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Qh8+ Rd8 34.Qxe5+-)*]
30.Bxf5+- gxf5



Black is weak on the dark squares
31.Rf1 Ne2? 5.49/23
[31...Red8 3.42/20 is a better defense. 32.c5 Qa8]
32.Qf2 f6 10.36/23
[⌓32...f4 4.90/21 33.Qf3 Deflection *(33.Qxe2 Rxd6 34.Qxh5 Rde6±)* 33...Nd4 34.Qxf4 *(34.Qxh5 Ne6+-)* 34...Ne6]
33.c5 Nc3 34.Qxf5 fxe5 35.Qxh5 Red8



36.Rf7 White wants to mate with Rxd7.
36...Nb5 37.Rxd7 Rxd7 38.Qe8+ Rd8 39.Qe6+ Rd7 40.Qe8+?→ 0.01/5
White has some attack.
[40.c4+- 26.58/25 Nc7 41.Qxe5]
40...Rd8=



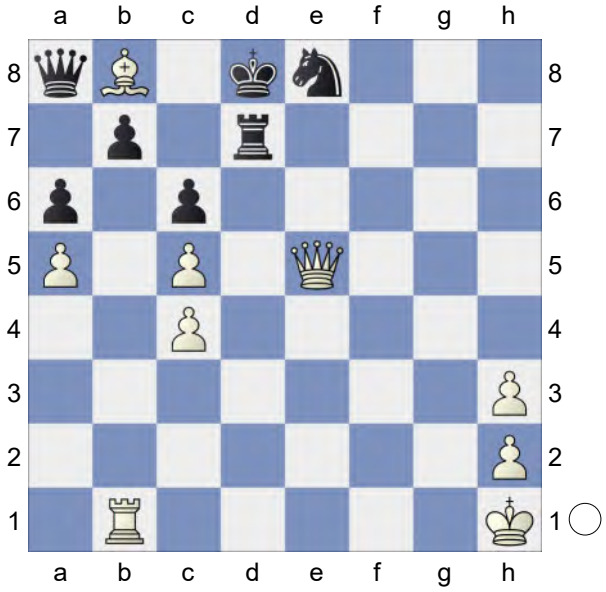
41.Qe6+ 0.01/5

[41.Qxe5+- 23.33/29 Nc7 42.Bxc7 Rd1+ 43.Kg2]

41...Rd7 42.c4 Nc7 43.Qxe5

Threatening mate with Bxc7. **43...Kd8**

44.Rb1 White mates. **44...Ne8 45.Bb8 Qa8**



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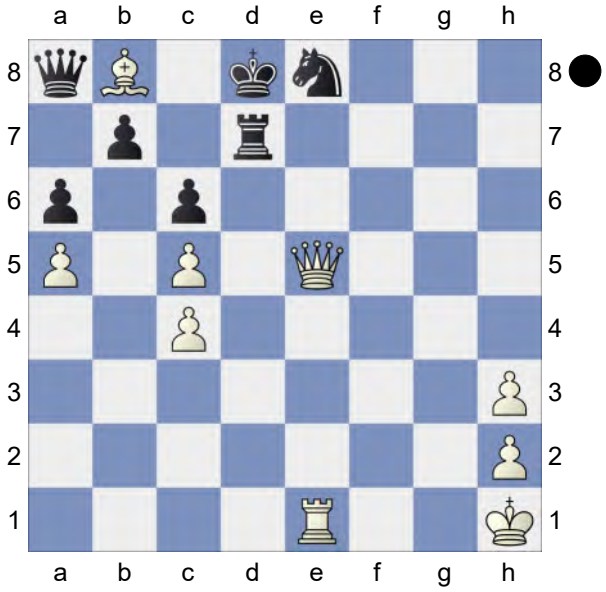

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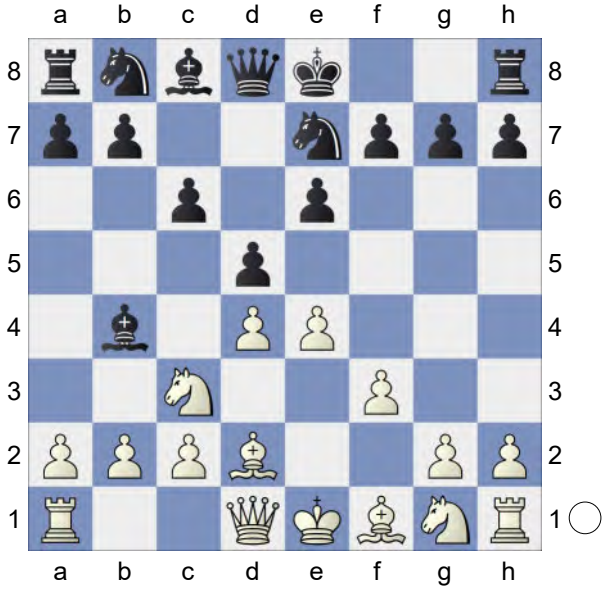
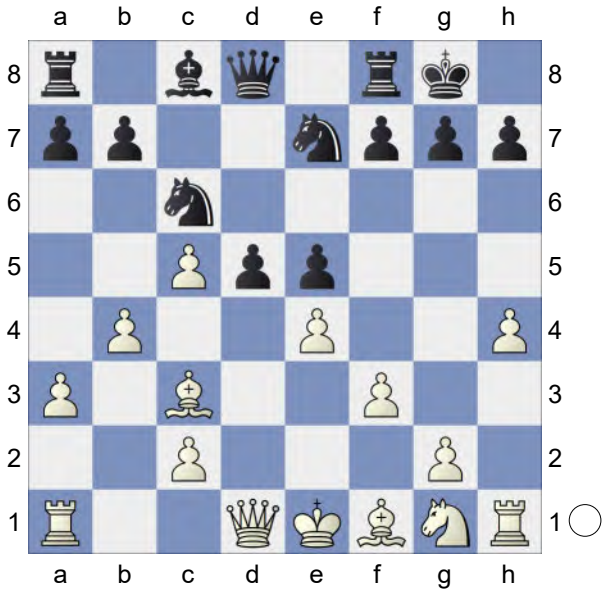
99 **B12**
□ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2450**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2554**
Wch Rapid New York (6) 27.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

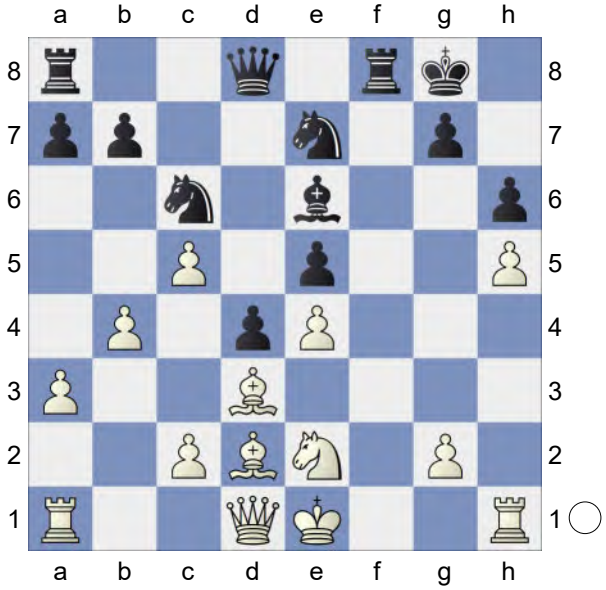
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7



6.h4N
[6.a3 Ba5 *(6...Bxc3 7.Bxc3 b6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Qf4 dxe4 10.fxe4 f5 11.Qe3 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Nf3 fxe4 14.Qxe4 Qd5 15.Qd3 b5 16.0-0 Ng6 17.Rae1 Rf6 18.Bd2 Raf8 19.b3 Nc7 20.c4 bxc4 21.bxc4* 1-0 (31) Vitiugov,N (2711)-Nisipeanu,L (2600) Bundesliga 2024*)* 7.b4 Bc7 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.fxe4 Qxd4 Fantasy Variation-Fantasy: 5.Bd2 #2]
6...c5!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 White is slightly better. **8...Nbc6N**
[8...c4 9.h5 h6 10.Qd2 Nbc6 11.Ne2 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Bxb4 Nxb4 14.Qxb4 0-0 0-1 (36) Kuznetsova,M (2204)-Gunina,V (2476) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-B 2023 (3)]
9.dxc5 e5 10.b4 0-0



11.h5 h6! 12.Bd3 f5 0.71/18
[12...Qc7± 0.34/18]
13.Ne2 0.30/18
[White should try 13.exd5± 0.71/18 Nxd5 14.Bc4]
13...fxe4= 14.fxe4 d4 15.Bd2 Be6



16.Ng3 a5 17.Rf1
[17.b5 Nb8=]
17...Qc7 0.90/19
[17...Ng6!= 0.25/21 keeps the

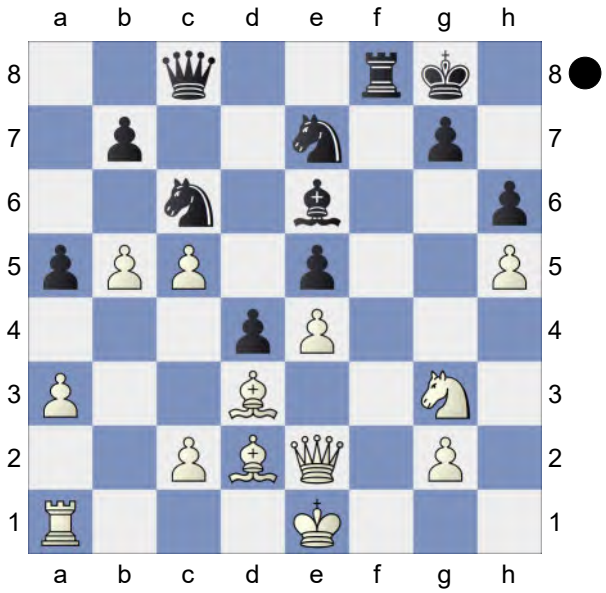
balance. 18.Rxf8+ *(18.hxg6 Qh4∓)* 18...Nxf8]

18.Rxf8+ 0.33/21

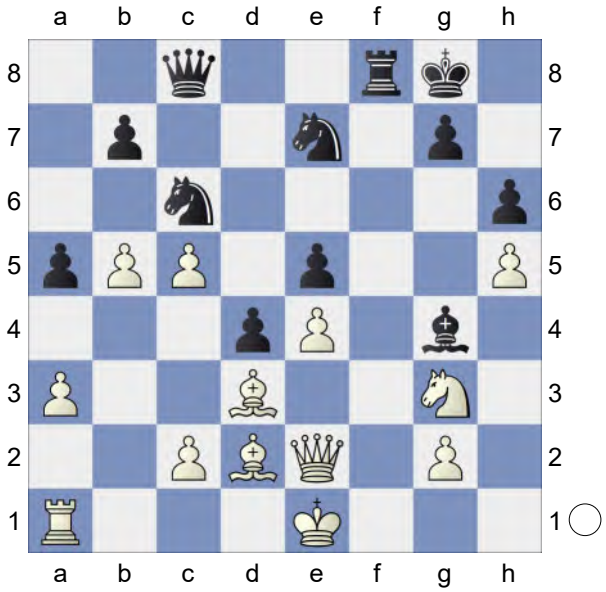
[White should play 18.Rb1± 0.90/19]

18...Rxf8± 19.Qe2 Qc8 20.b5 -0.83/23

[20.bxa5± 0.32/18 keeps the upper hand. Bg4 21.Bc4+ Kh8 22.Qd3]



20...Bg4!∓



21.Bc4+ Kh8 22.Qd3 Nb8

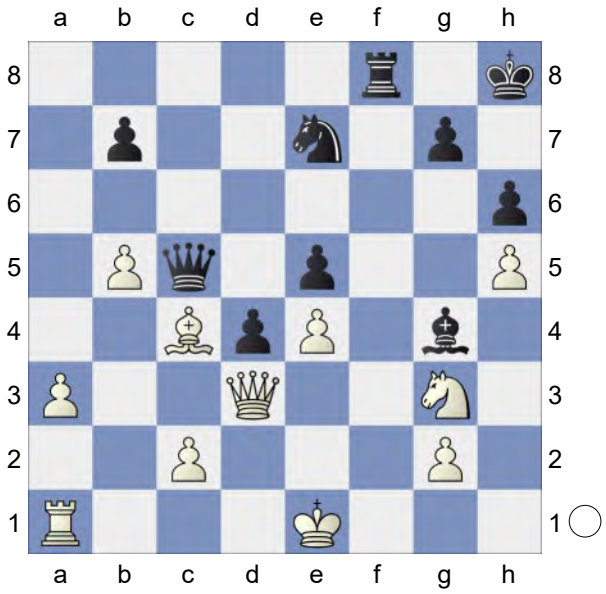
...Nd7 would now be deadly. **23.Bxa5** aiming for Bb4. **23...Nd7! 24.Bb4** -1.64/20

[24.c6∓ -0.84/20 Nc5 25.Qd2 bxc6 26.Qb4 *(26.b6 Qd8∓)* 26...cxb5 27.Qxb5]

24...Nxc5-+ 25.Bxc5

[25.Qd2? Nxe4 26.Nxe4 Qxc4-+]

25...Qxc5



26.Kd2 -2.42/22 Now White is beyond hope.

[26.Rb1∓ -1.18/19 might work better.]

26...Rf2+ 27.Kc1 Nc8

[27...Rxg2 28.Qf1∓]

28.Rb1? -4.77/24

[28.Bb3 -2.38/21]

28...Nb6

[28...Nd6 29.Rb4 Kh7 *(29...Rxg2? 30.Qf1-+)* 30.Qb3-+]

29.Rb4 Rxg2 30.Qb3 Rf2

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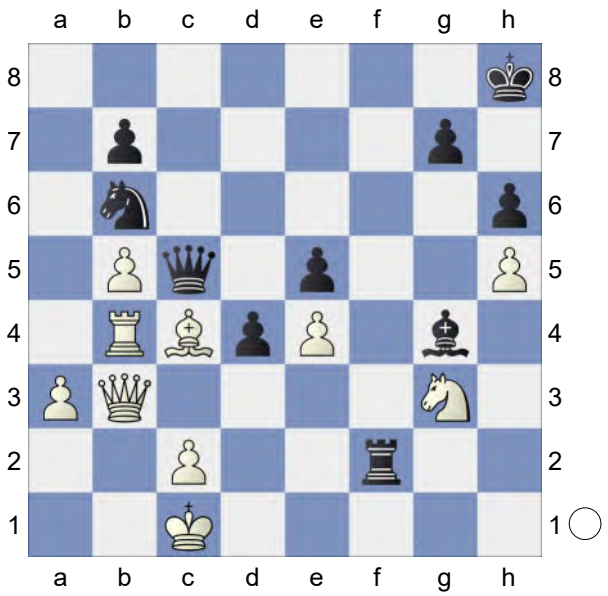
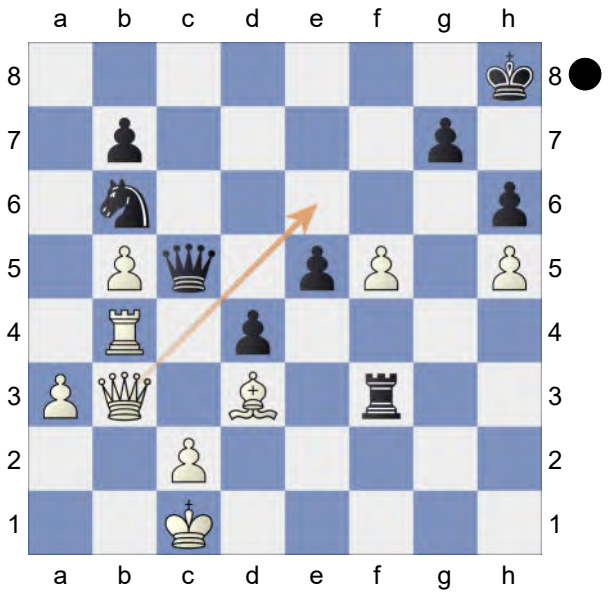


Against Nf5 **31.Bd3** **Rf3** **32.Nf5** -7.92/24
[32.Ne2 -3.88/22]
32...Bxf5 **33.exf5**



Strongly threatening Qe6! **33...e4**
34.Qf7 Threatens to win with Qe8+.
34...exd3
[Weaker is 34...Rxd3 35.Qe8+ Kh7 36.f6 *(36.Qg6+ Kh8=)* 36...Qg5+ *(36...Rxa3 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Qxg7#)* 37.Kb2=]
35.Qe8+ **Kh7**

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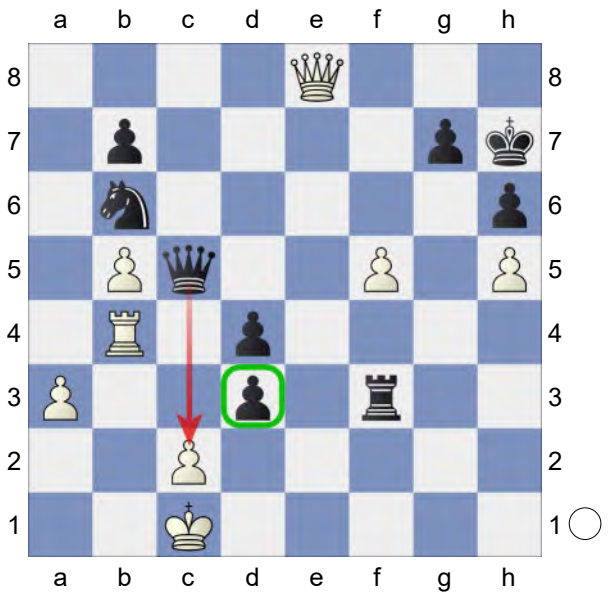
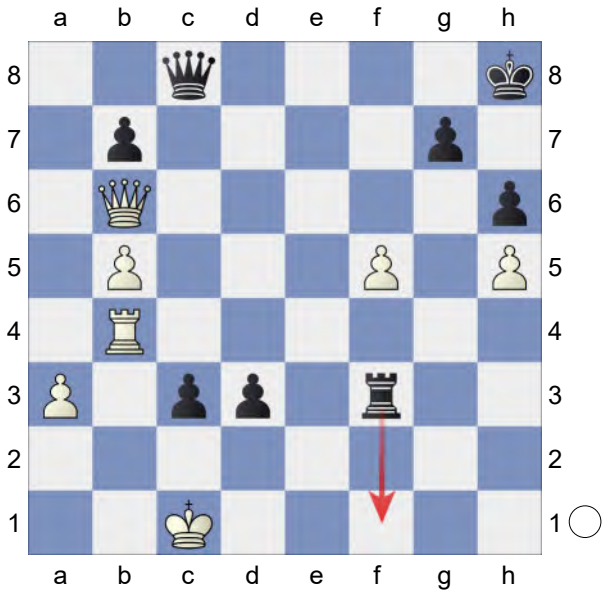


36.Qg6+ **Kg8** **37.Qe8+** **Qf8**
[37...Kh7? 38.Qg6+ Kg8 39.Qe8+ Qf8 *(39...Kh7? 40.Qg6+-+)* 40.Qxf8+ Kxf8 41.f6 gxf6 *(41...Rxf6? 42.Rxd4 Rf1+ 43.Kd2-+)* 42.Rxd4-+]
38.Qe6+ -10.27/23
[⌓38.Qxf8+ -4.80/22 Kxf8 39.Rxd4]
38...Kh8 **39.Qxb6** **Qc8** Black mates.
40.c4 **dxc3**



41.Qg1 **Qxf5**

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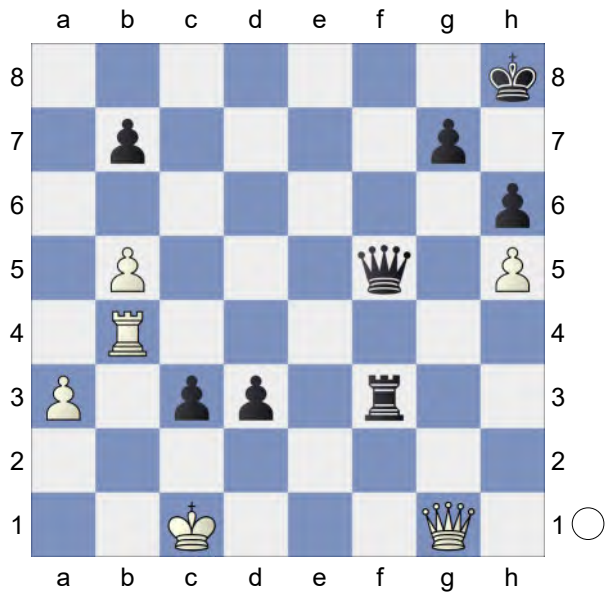

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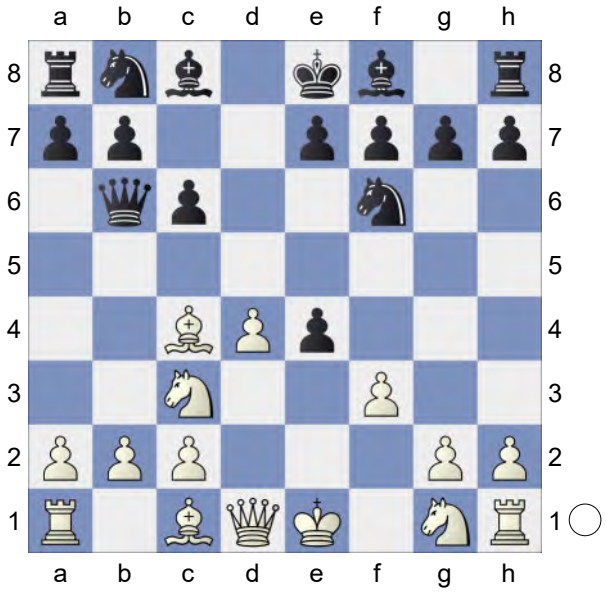
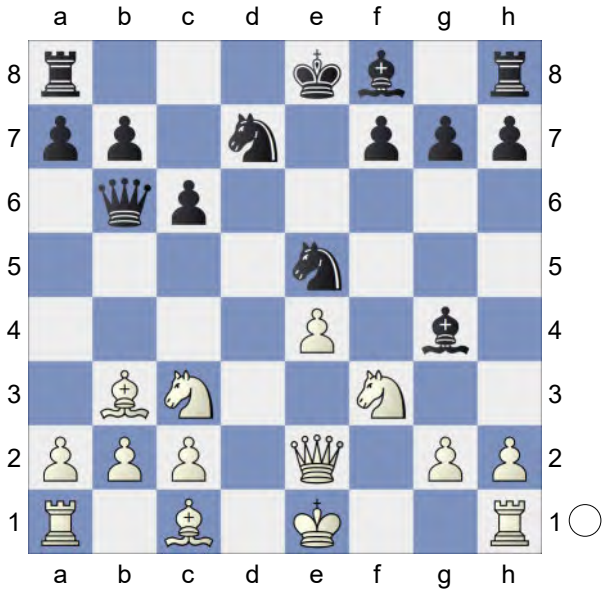
100 **B12**
□ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2515**
■ **Ivic,Velimir** **2585**
II Wijk aan Zee 2023
[Kitty Kat]

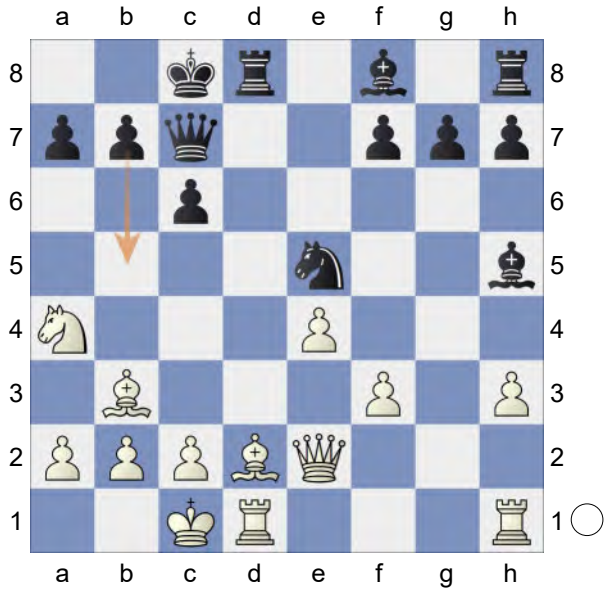
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.Bc4 Nf6



6.fxe4 e5 7.dxe5 Ng4 8.Qe2
Inhibits Qf2+. The position is equal.
8...Nxe5 9.Bb3 Bg4 10.Nf3 Nbd7



11.Bd2N
[11.Bf4 keeps more tension. Bb4 12.0-0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qc5 14.Be3]
11...0-0-0 12.h3 Nxf3+ -0.13/22
[12...Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nc5 14.f4 Nxb3 15.axb3=]
[⌓12...Bh5 0.24/23 13.g4 Bg6]
13.gxf3= Bh5 Threatens to win with ... Ne5. **14.0-0-0 Ne5 15.Na4 Qc7**
[15...Qb5 looks sharper. 16.Qf2 Nxf3 17.Bf4 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Qa5]



16.Rhf1 Be7 17.Kb1 Kb8 18.a3 -0.32/19
[18.Qg2= 0.11/19]
18...Rd7 0.13/20
[18...h6∓ -0.32/19]
19.Be3 Rxd1+ 20.Qxd1 Rd8

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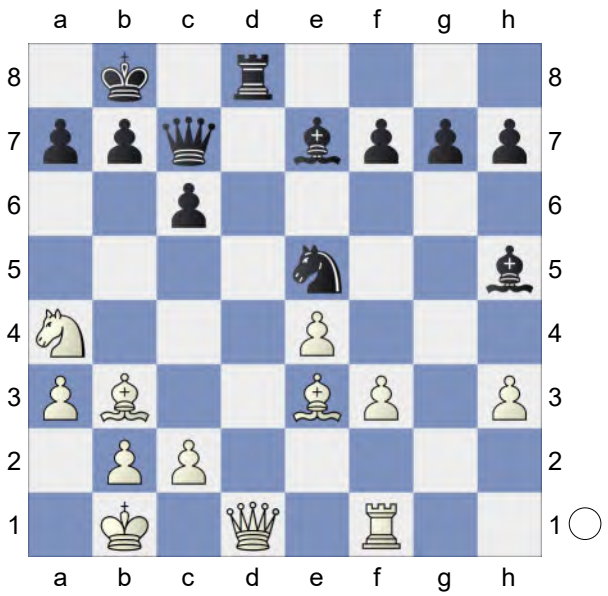
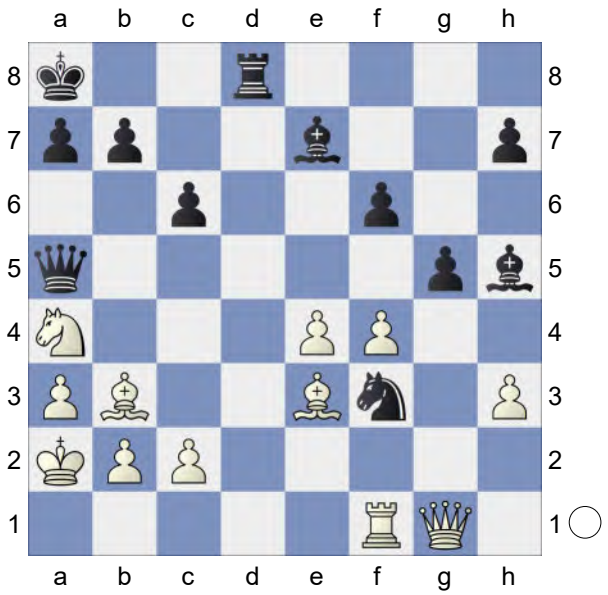


Wards off Qd4 **21.Qe2 Qa5 22.Ka2 f6 23.Qh2 Ka8 24.Qg1 g5 25.f4 Nf3**



26.Qg3 Nd2
[26...Nd4 keeps more tension. 27.Bxd4 Rxd4 28.fxg5 Qxg5 29.Qc7 Qe5]
27.Bxd2 Qxd2
[27...Rxd2 is more complex. 28.fxg5 Qxg5 29.Qc7 Qe5]
28.fxg5 fxg5 29.Qe5 Qd7 30.h4 Qd6

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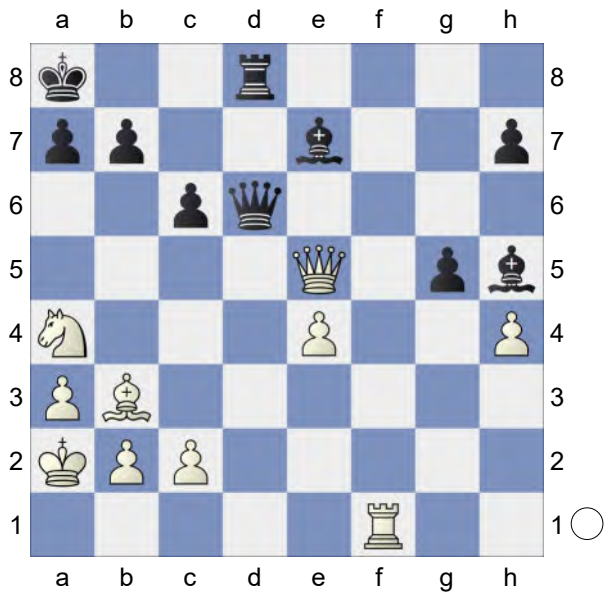
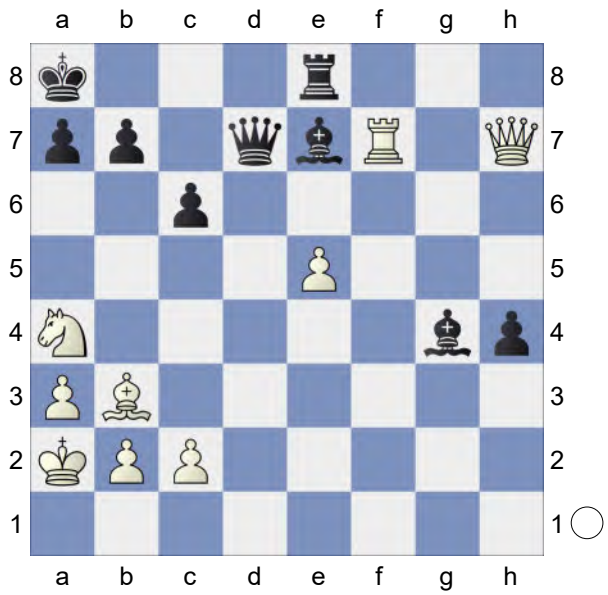
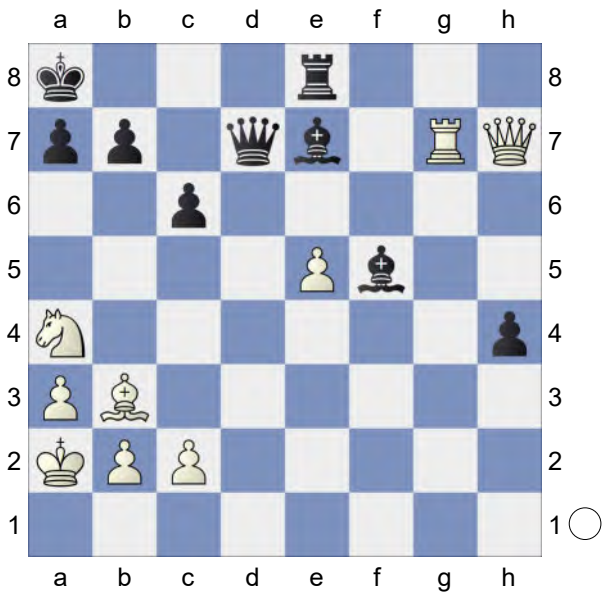


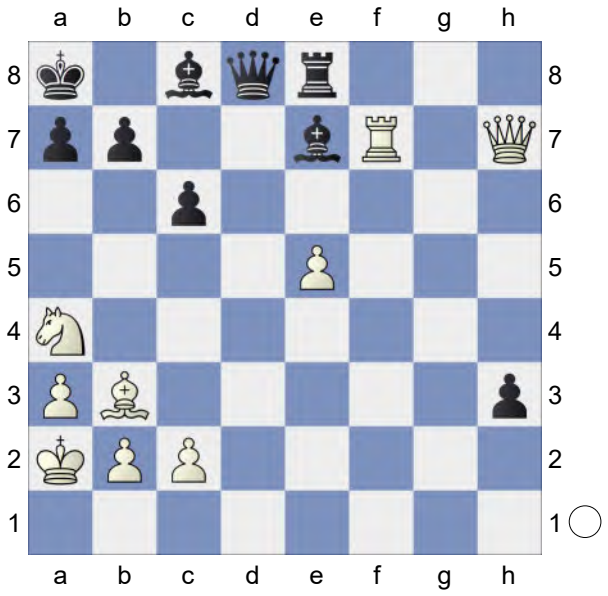
31.Qg7 e5 would now be deadly.
31...gxh4 0.98/24
[31...Bg6!= 0.01/23 keeps the balance.]
32.e5± White is more active. **32...Qd7** 2.04/21
[32...Qc7± 0.77/23]
33.Qxh7+- Bg4 34.Rf7 Re8



35.Rg7? 0.01/22
[Inferior is 35.Nc5 Qd8 36.Ne6 Bxe6 37.Bxe6 a6±]
[35.Qg6!+- 2.03/20]
35...Bf5=

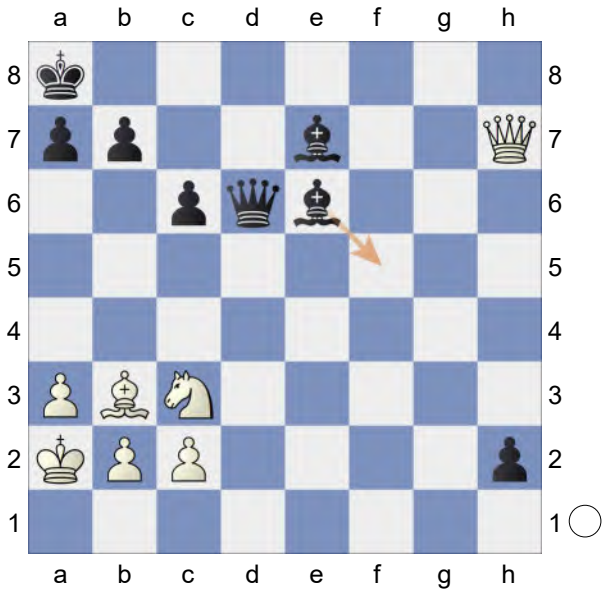


36.Qh5K White has counterplay **36...Qc8 37.Rf7 Bg4** This pair of bishops is nice. **38.Qh7**
[38.Qg6 feels hotter. h3 39.e6 Rg8 40.Qe4]
38...Qd8
[38...h3!?]
39.Qe4 Bc8 40.Qh7 -1.32/22
[40.e6= -0.01/23]
40...h3∓



Strongly threatening ...Rh8. **41.e6** -2.28/21
[41.Rf1∓ -1.12/20]

41...Rh8-+ 42.Qe4 h2 43.Rh7? -5.86/22 Repels h1Q
[43.Rf1 -2.27/22 nothing else works.]
43...Rxh7 44.Qxh7 Qd6 -3.01/24
[⌓44...Bh4 -6.76/24 45.Qe4 Bf6 *(45...Be7? 46.Qh7-+)*]
45.Nc3 Bxe6



aiming for ...Bf5! **46.Ne4 Qe5 47.Nf2** -9.03/22
[⌓47.Bxe6 -4.04/25 Qxe6+ 48.Ka1]
47...Bf6 48.Nd3 Bxb3+ -5.00/24
[⌓48...Bf5 -10.36/26 49.Qg8+ Qb8]
49.cxb3 Qb8 50.Nc5? -6.66/32
[50.Nf2 -3.14/23]

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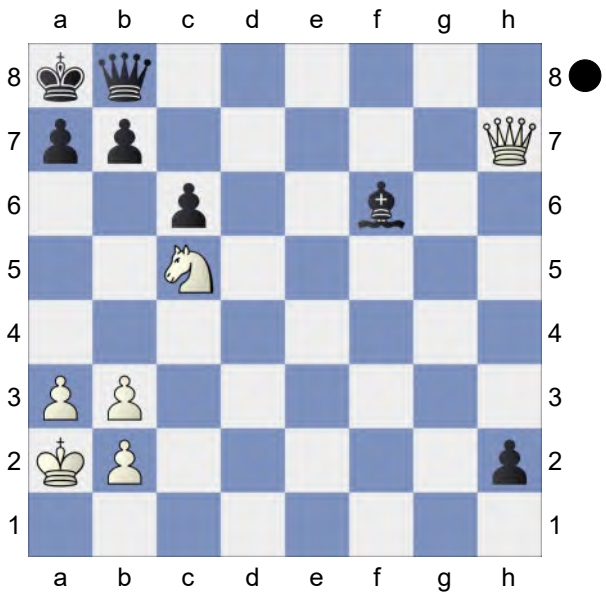
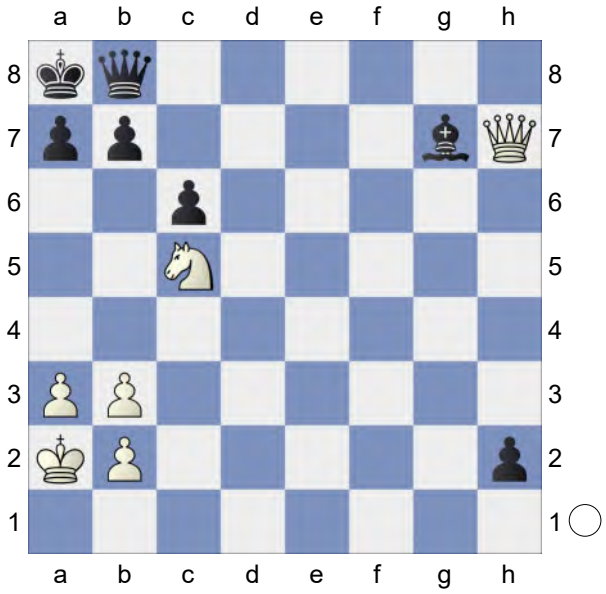


50...Bg7!



...Qh8 is the strong threat. Promotion

51.Qh3

[51.Qh4 Bd4]

51...Bd4 52.Ne6 -14.28/27

[⌓52.Ne4 -4.35/29]

52...Qh8 53.Qg3 Be5

[Not 53...h1R 54.Nc7+ Kb8 55.Na6+ Ka8 56.Nc7+ Kb8 57.Na6+ Ka8 58.Nc7+=]

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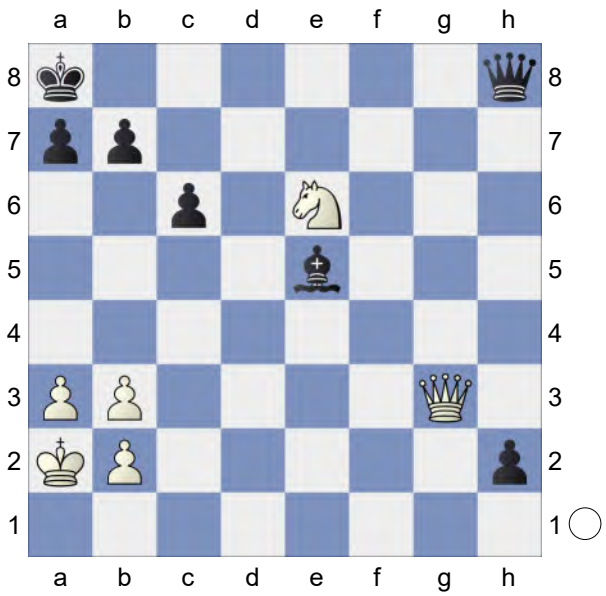

Quite a comeback for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.34. Loss on time!?

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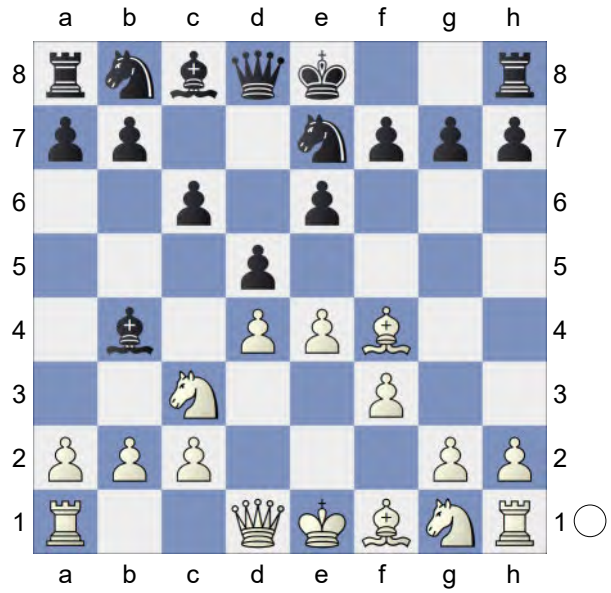
101 **B12**
□ **Li,Chao** **2714**
■ **Vaibhav,S** **2561**
ZMDI Open 2018 (6.1) 09.08.2018
[Ashwin Jayaram]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 An interesting line that aims to maintain the center for White **3...e6** Black is aiming for a "good" French. White maintains his center, but the f3-pawn can be rather weakening.
[3...Qb6 Was an interesting option that led to many interesting games. Black aims to exploit the g1-a7 diagonal, but White also has his ideas.]
4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bf4
[5.Nge2 gives Black extra options such as dxe4 6.fxe4 Qh4+ 7.Ng3 Nf6 8.Qf3 e5∞]
5...Ne7



6.Nge2
[6.Qd3 Is the more popular move with many interesting games after b6 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 0-0∞ *(8...Nd7 9.0-0-0 Rc8 10.g4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Re8 14.Bd6 Ra8 15.Rde1 Nf6 16.Bg3 c5 17.Nb5 cxd4 18.Qxd4 dxe4 19.Qf2 Qd5 20.Nc7 Qa2 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Qd4 e5 23.Qxe5* 0-1 (36) Djukic,N (2510)-Braun,A (2609) European Hybrid Qual 2021 (1.2) *)*]
6...b6?! 0.41/21 This move is a lot less effective when the queen is not on d3. Black had better ways to play, such as
[6...0-0 7.Qd2 Nd7 with a lot of options for both sides]
[6...Ng6 7.Bg3 dxe4 8.fxe4 e5!? 9.dxe5 0-0 10.Qd4 Qe7 11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.e6 fxe6 13.h4 Nb6 14.e5 Bc5 15.Qe4 Nd5 16.Rd3 Rf5 17.Nd4 Ndf4 18.Nf3 Nxd3+ 19.Bxd3 Bd7 20.h5 Nf8 21.Qe2 h6 22.Ne4 b6 23.Nd6 Bxd6 1-0 (45) Aronian,L (2809)-Radjabov,T (2793) Candidates Tournament 2013 (14)]
[6...Ng6= -0.02/20]
7.a3N Perhaps not the best move as White chases the bishop to the better d6 square. Also in many situations, the a3 pawn is a hook for Black's queenside attack.
[7.Qd2!? may have been the better move as it looks like Black will eventually have to play ...b6-b5 anyway.]
7...Bd6 8.Qd2 White is slightly better.
[8.h4!?]
8...Ba6
[8...0-0 9.h4 Bxf4 10.Nxf4 Nd7 11.Nh5 b5 is complicated]
9.0-0-0 0-0 10.h4
[10.Bg3 is interesting, as the capture on g3 opens the h-file]
10...Bxf4

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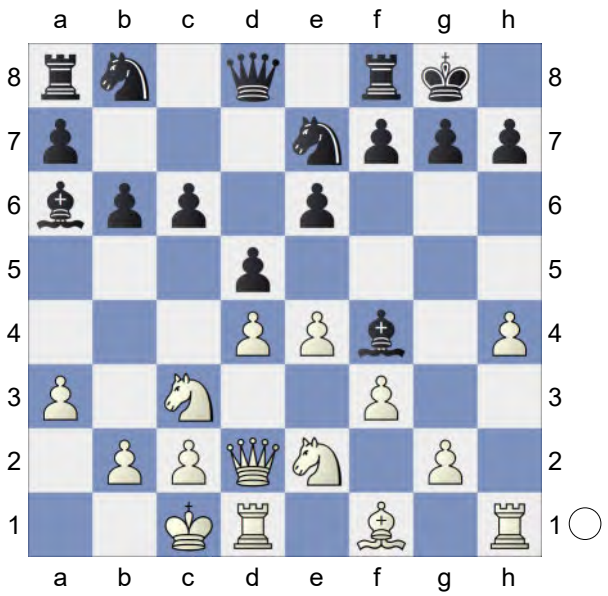
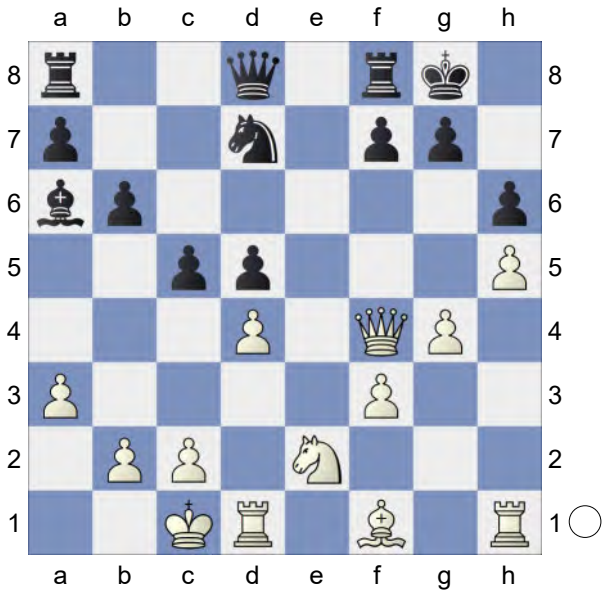
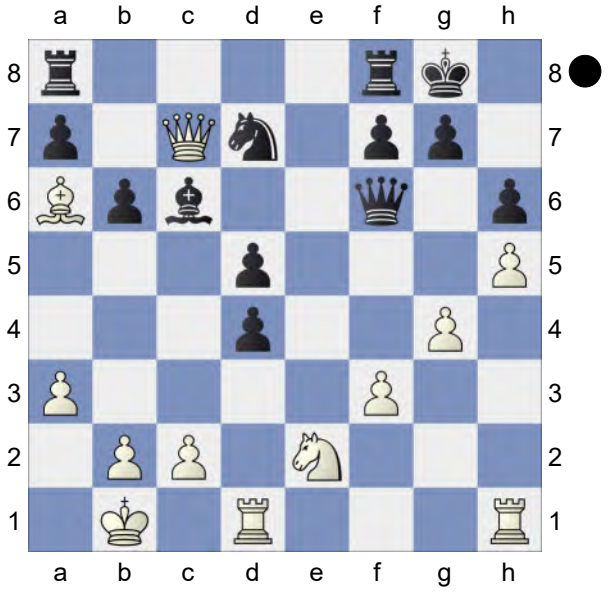


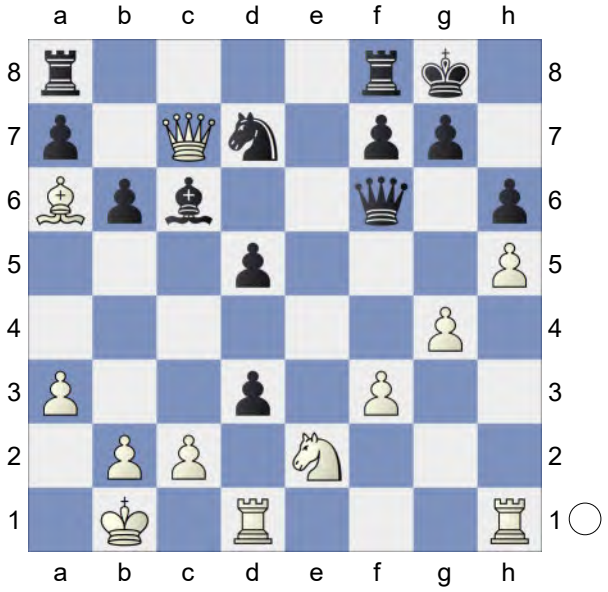
11.Qxf4 Nd7 12.h5 h6? 0.86/21
this move is very dangerous as it gives White a hook to open lines with
[12...Bxe2 was better 13.Bxe2 b5 14.g4 is difficult to assess]
[12...Bxe2± 0.44/20 was preferrable. 13.Bxe2 dxe4]
13.g4!± and White is getting on with the attack **13...c5** 1.23/23
[⌓13...Nc8 0.86/20]
14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5



16.Nc3 Bb7 17.Kb1 Qf6 18.Qc7 Bc6 19.Ba6 -0.42/23
[Better is 19.Bb5± 0.60/23 Bxb5 20.Nxb5]
19...cxd4∓ 20.Ne2 -1.04/24
[20.Nxd5∓ -0.47/24 Bxd5 21.Qxd7 Qxf3 22.Rhf1]



20...d3!∓



21.Bxd3

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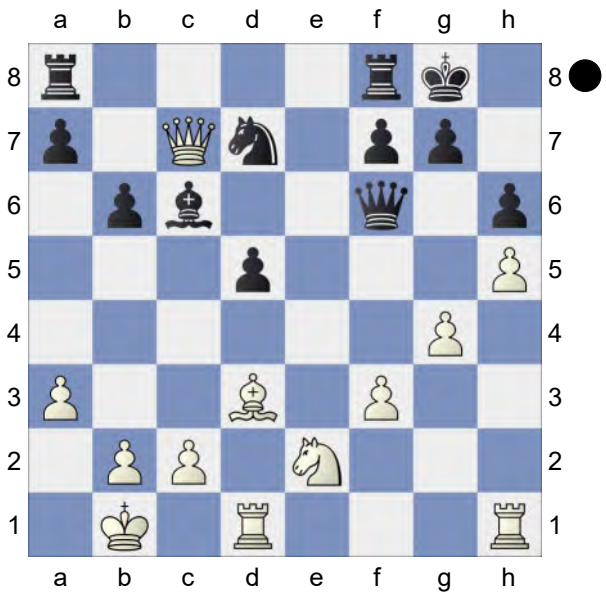
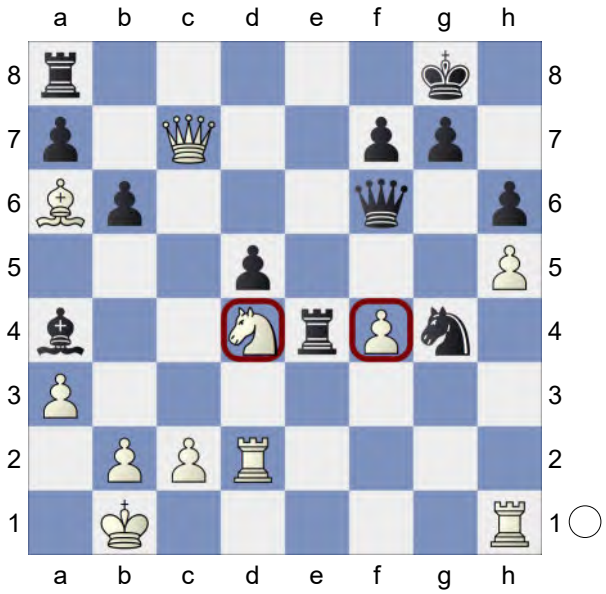
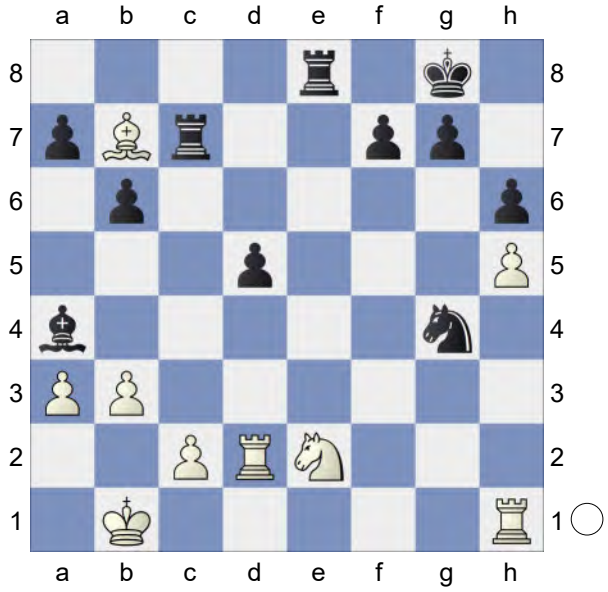


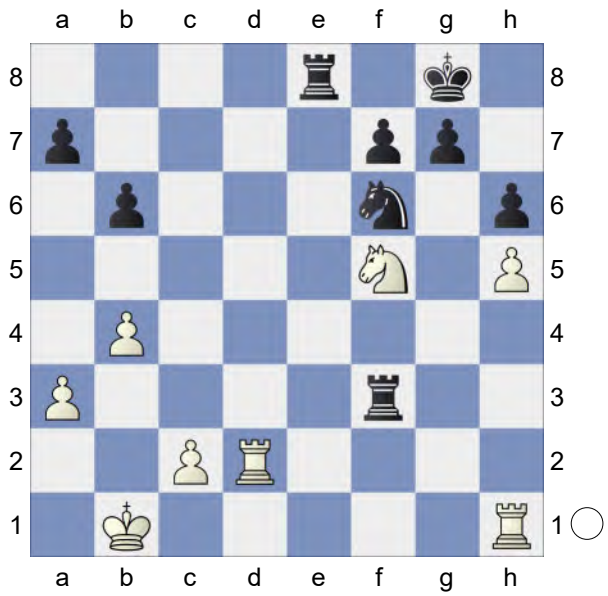
Ne5! 22.Ba6 -1.60/26 Wards off Rfc8
[22.Nd4? Rfc8-+]
[⩲22.Bf5 -1.18/25 Rae8 *(22...Nxf3 23.Rhf1=)* 23.f4 *(23.Qxa7? Re7-+)*]
22...Rfe8
[22...Nxf3 23.Ka1=]
23.f4
[23.Nd4? Re7-+]
23...Nxg4 24.Nd4 Ba4 25.Rd2 Against Nf2 **25...Re4**



26.Bc8 -1.78/23
[26.Nb5∓ -1.25/22]
26...Qxf4
[26...Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Qxd4 28.Qd8+ Kh7 29.Bf5+ g6 30.hxg6+ fxg6 31.Qxa8 gxf5 32.b3=]
27.Qxf4 Rxf4 28.Ne2 Rc4 29.Bb7 Re8 And now ...Rxc2! would win. **30.b3 Rc7**

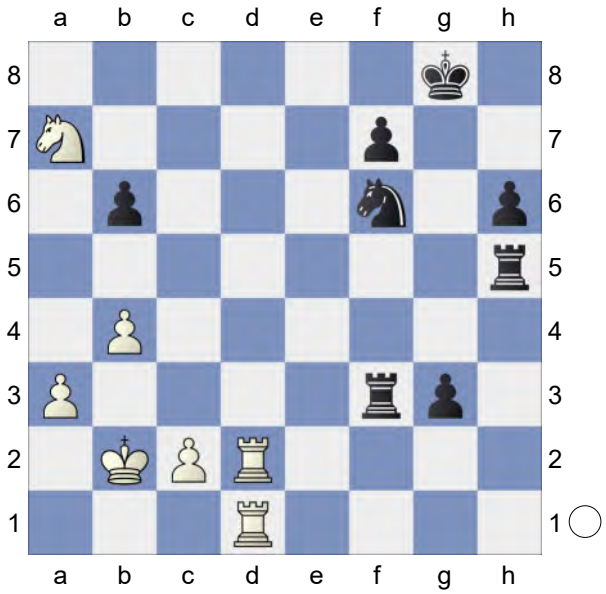


Threatens to win with ...Bxb3. **31.Bxd5 Bc6 32.Bxc6 Rxc6 33.Ng3 Nf6↑** Black is in control. Black is more active. **34.b4** -2.09/24
[34.Kb2∓ -1.43/20 keeps fighting.]
34...Rc3 35.Nf5 Rf3

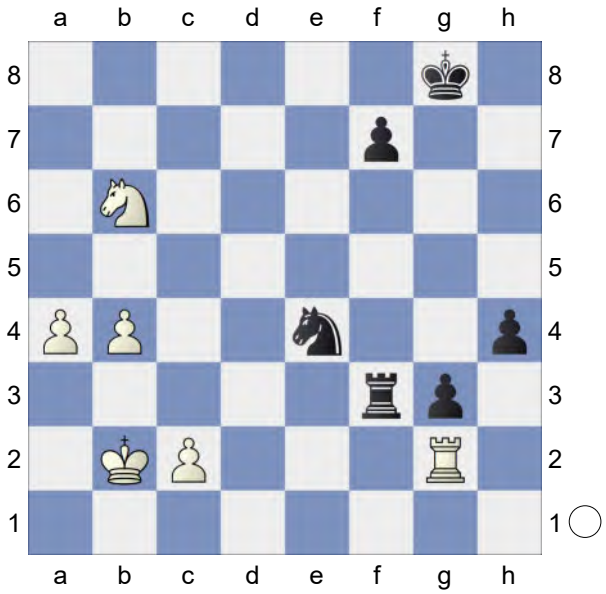


36.Nd6 Re5 37.Kb2 Rxh5 38.Rhd1

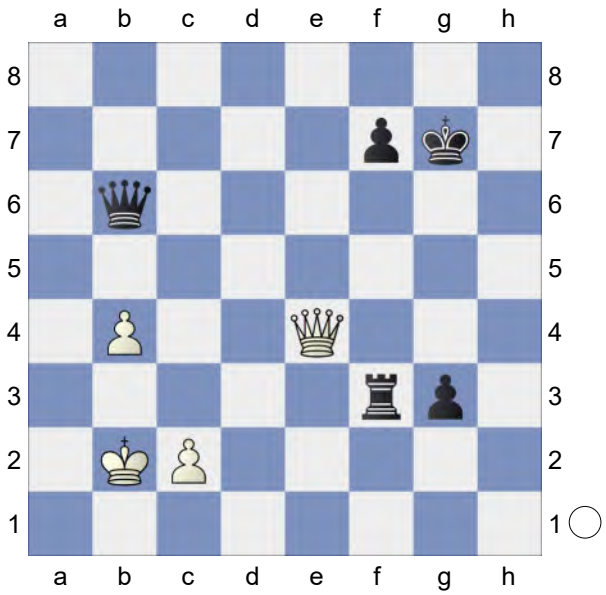
g5 39.Nc8 g4 40.Nxa7 g3



41.a4 Rd5 Deflection **42.Nc8?** -5.99/22
[Much worse is 42.Rxd5 Nxd5 43.Rg1 *(43.Rxd5? g2-+)* 43...Nc3-+ *(43...Nxb4? 44.Nb5-+)*]
[42.Nb5 -3.61/19]
42...Rxd2-+ 43.Rxd2 Endgame. KRN-KRN **43...Ne4 44.Rg2 h5 45.Nxb6** -9.68/22
[⌓45.a5 -4.94/19 bxa5 46.bxa5]
45...h4



aiming for ...h3. **46.a5 h3 47.a6 hxg2 48.a7 g1Q** (-> ...Qd4+)
[48...g1B? loses. 49.a8Q+ *(49.a8B? is the wrong capture. Bd4+ 50.Ka2 Nc3+ 51.Kb2 g2-+)* 49...Kg7 50.Qxe4+-]
49.a8Q+ Kg7 50.Qxe4 Qxb6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.08 (flawless)
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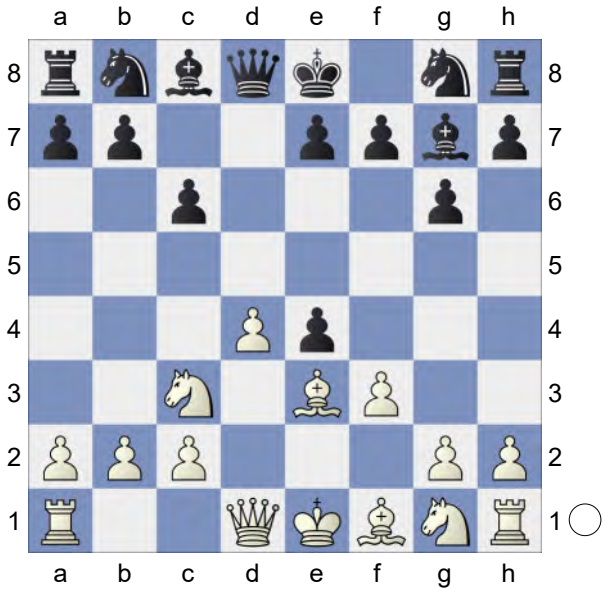
102 **B15**
□ **Asis Gargatagli,Hipolito** **2520**
■ **David,Alberto** **2518**
Barcelona Sants op 24th (10) 27.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 dxe4



6.fxe4 Nf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.h3 c5N
[8...b5 9.a3 a5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.0-0 c5 12.dxc5 Caro Kann-4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.♗e3 dxe4 6. Survey 2004]
[8...a5 9.a4 Na6 10.Bc4 Nb4 11.0-0 b6 12.Ng5 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.e5 e6 16.Nge4 c5 17.Rad1 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Qe7 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Bc5 Nxc5 22.Rxd7 Nxd7 23.Nb5 ½-½ (50) Cori T.,D (2135)-7....♘f5 (2129) (ol) 50/217 Novi Sad 1990 (2)]

9.dxc5 Qa5 10.Bd3 Nc6

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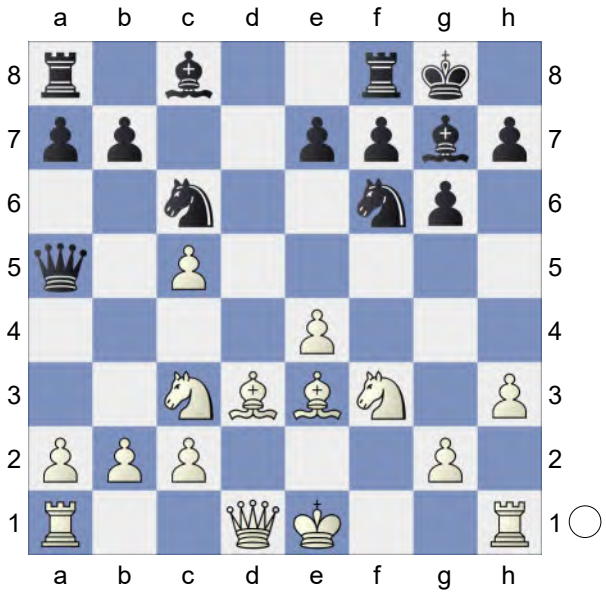
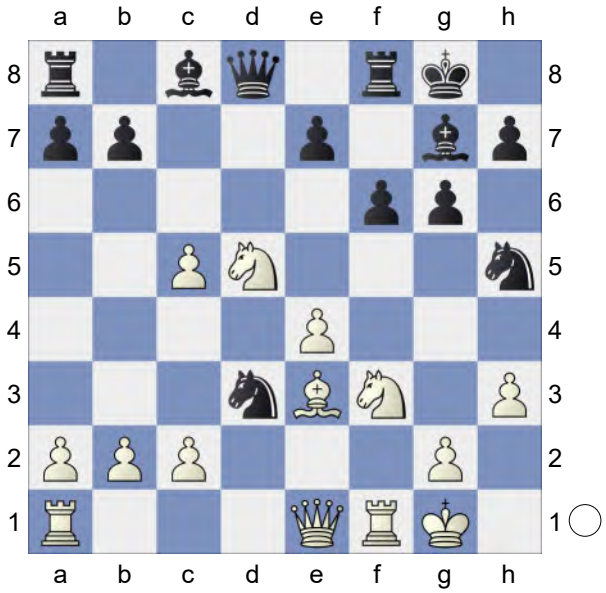
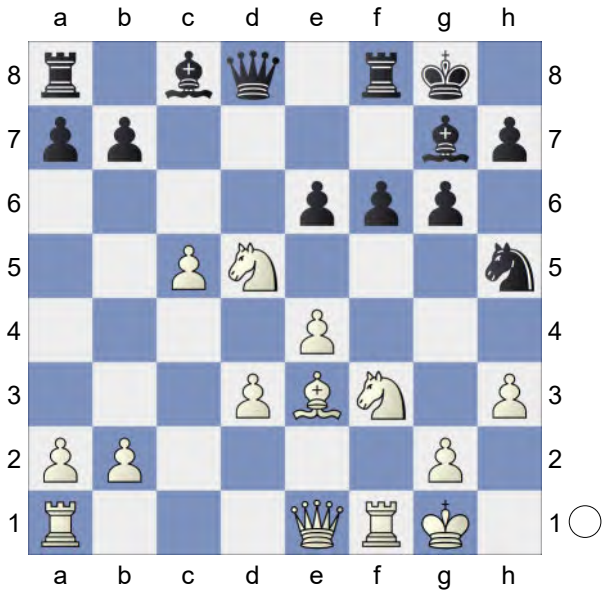


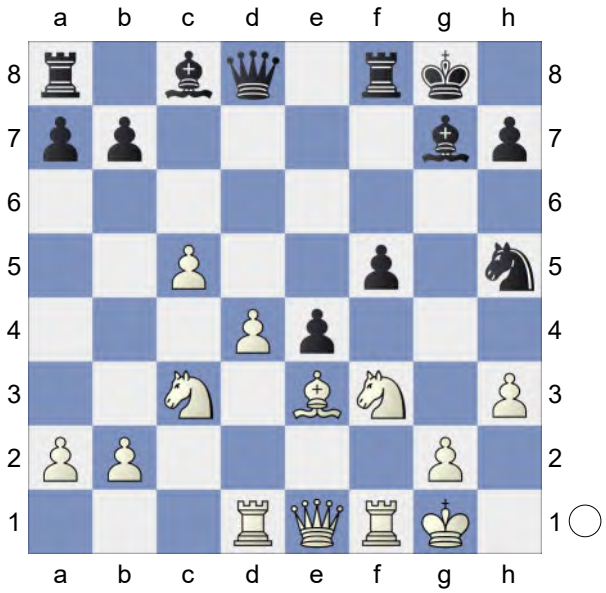
The position is equal. **11.0-0 Nh5** 0.88/18
[11...Nd7± 0.42/20 should be considered.]
12.Qe1± Ne5 1.48/18
[⌓12...Be6 0.76/16]
13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Bg5 0.88/20
[White should try 14.Qh4 1.33/19]
14...f6 15.Be3 And now Nxe5 would win.
[15.Nxe5 looks sharper. fxg5 16.Rxf8+ Qxf8 17.Qc3]
15...Nxd3



16.cxd3 e6

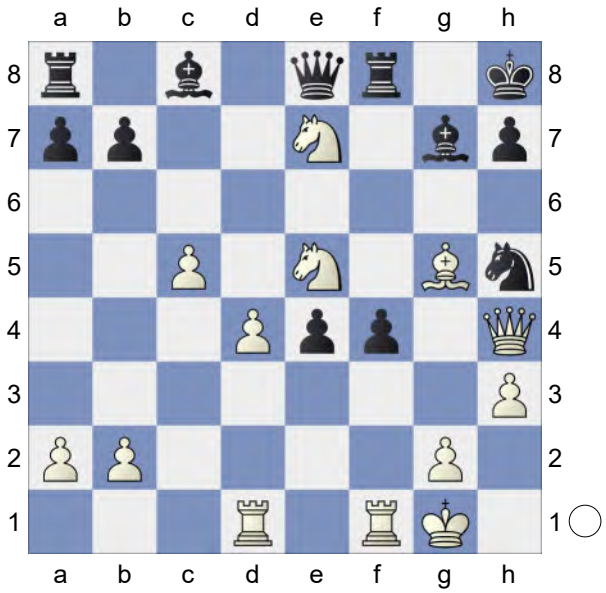


Inhibits g4. **17.Nc3** Threatens to win with g4. **17...e5** 2.07/20
[17...f5± 1.05/18]
18.Rd1+- f5 2.36/20
[⌓18...Qe8 1.96/18 19.Nd5 Rf7]
19.exf5 gxf5 20.d4 e4



21.Bg5↑ White is in control. **21...Qc7** 2.30/20
[⌓21...Qe8 1.78/20]
22.Nd5 Qf7 4.05/19 Black is weak on the dark squares
[22...Qg3 2.14/20]

23.Ne7+ A dynamic duo of knights.
23...Kh8 24.Ne5 Qe8 25.Qh4 f4 6.56/19
[⌓25...b6 4.36/19 26.g4 bxc5 27.gxh5 *(27.gxf5 Ba6+-)* 27...h6 28.N7g6+ *(28.N5g6+ Kh7+-)* 28...Kh7 29.Nxf8+ Qxf8]



26.Nxc8 2.85/19
[⌓26.g4 6.56/19 Bf6 27.Bxf6+ *(27.gxh5 Qxe7 28.Ng6+ hxg6+-; 27.Qxh5 Bxe7 28.Qxe8* Remove Defender *Rxe8+-)* 27...Rxf6 28.Nd5 *(28.gxh5 Qxe7 29.Rxf4 Qg7+ 30.Ng6+ Rxg6+ 31.hxg6 Be6+-; 28.Qxh5 Qxh5 29.gxh5 Be6+-)*]
26...Rxc8 27.Bxf4 Nxf4 28.Rxf4 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Qxe5

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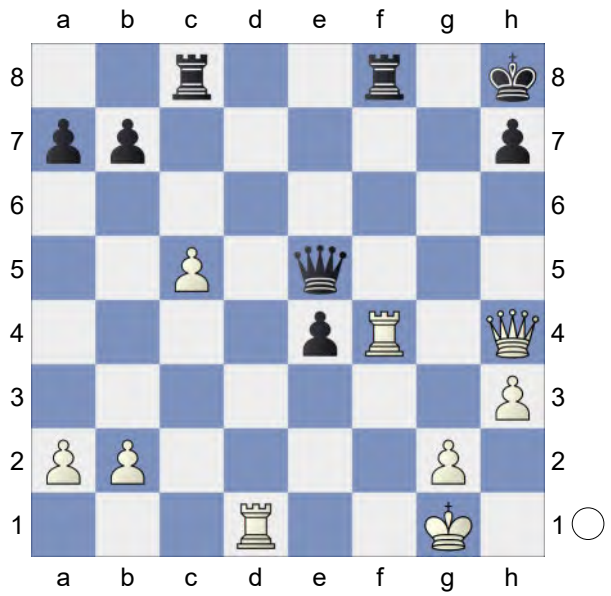
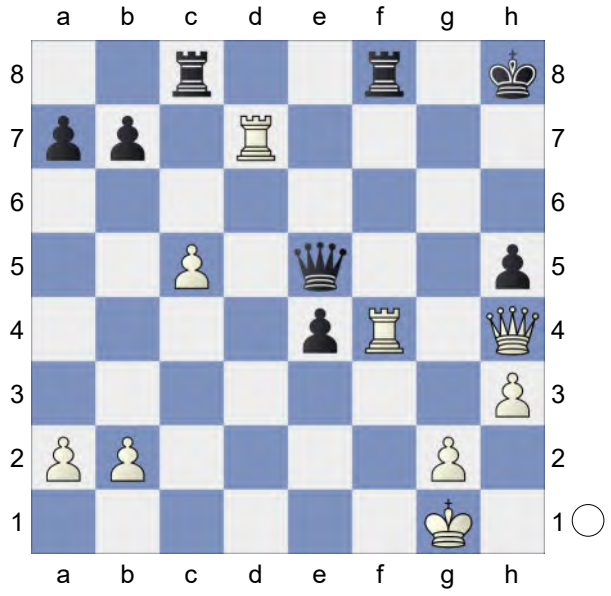


30.Rd7! Double Attack **30...h5**



31.Rxe4 Qxc5+ 32.Kh2 Qf5 9.20/25 Dodges Re6

[⌓32...Rf1 4.35/27 33.Re3 *(33.Rxb7* leads to mate. *Qg1+ 34.Kg3 Rg8+* Skewer *35.Rg4 Rxg4+)* 33...a5 *(33...Qxe3 34.Qxh5+ Kg8 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Qh8#)*]

33.Ree7 Qg3! would kill now. **33...Qf4+ 34.Qxf4 Rxf4** Endgame. KRR-KRR **35.Rh7+ Kg8**

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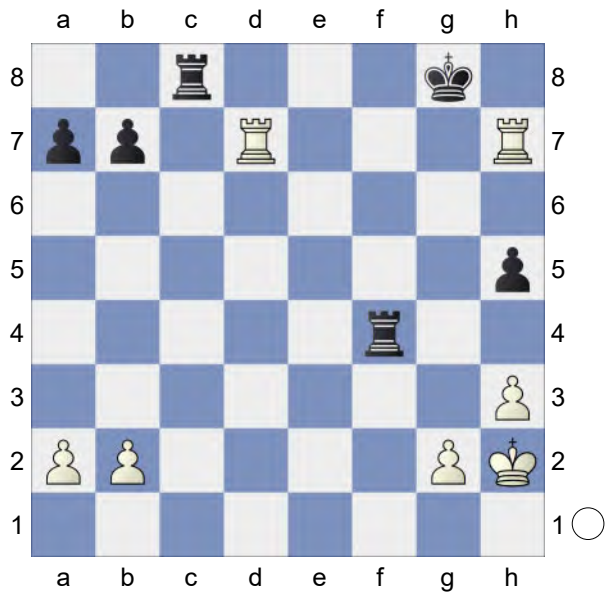
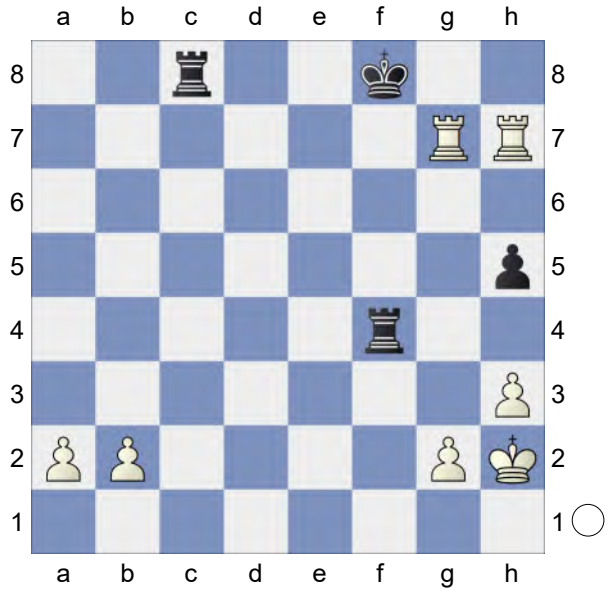


36.Rdg7+ Kf8 37.Rxb7 Kg8 Prevents Rh8+ **38.Rbg7+ Kf8 39.Rxa7 Kg8** Prevents Rh8+ **40.Rag7+ Kf8**

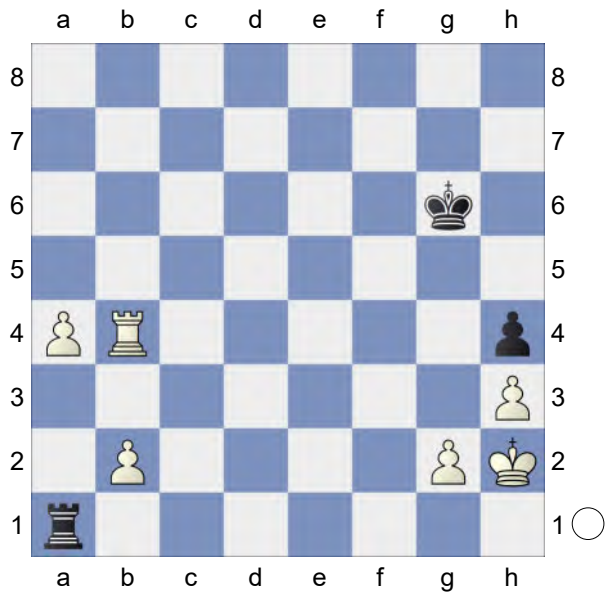


41.Rh8+ Kxg7 42.Rxc8 h4? 7.66/24

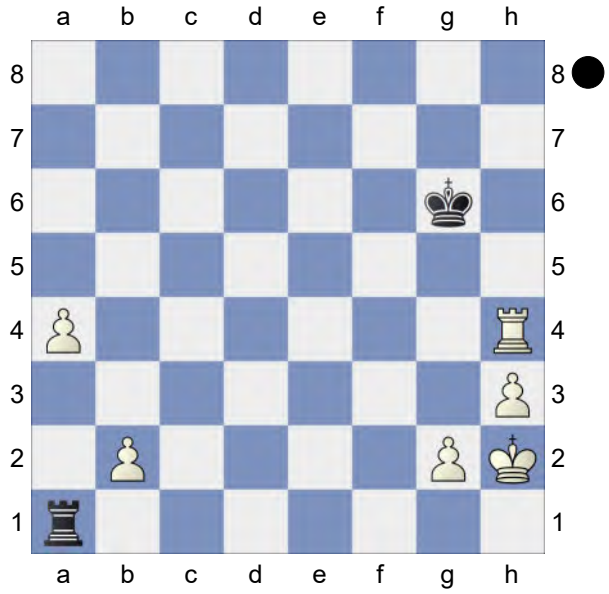
[42...Rf7 3.89/21 43.b4 Rb7]

43.Rb8 White is clearly winning. **43...Rf1 44.a4 Ra1 45.Rb4 Kg6**

(Diagram)



46.Rxh4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.48. Loss on time!?

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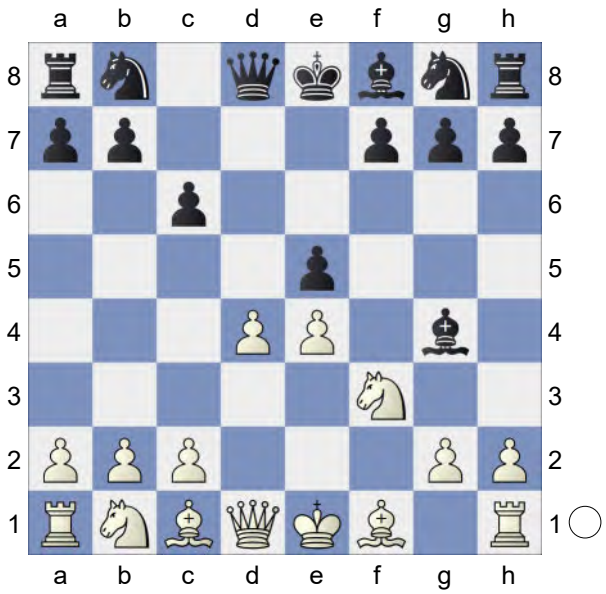
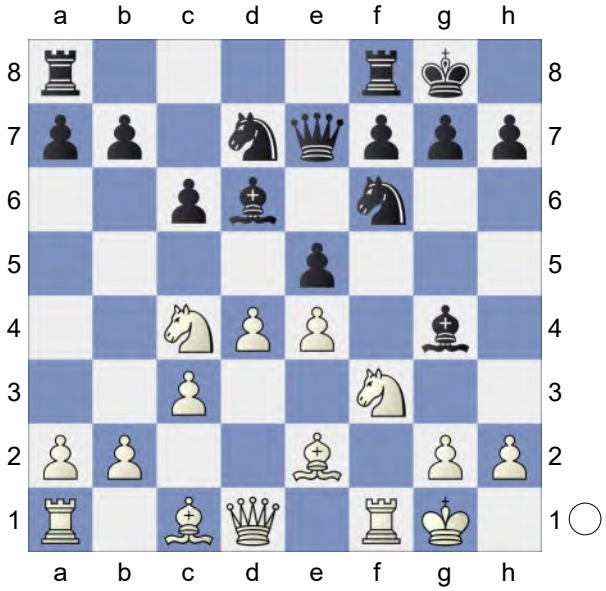
103 **B12**
□ **Erigaisi Arjun** **2702**
■ **Arfan,Aditya Bagus** **2416**
20. Asian Continental (4.8) 06.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
In this game, we will see yet another example featuring the 3...dxe4 variation, this time featuring one of the brightest chess talents - Arjun Erigaisi - with the White pieces. I have specifically decided to include this game because it features the rare move order where White plays Nbd2 before castling, that was mentioned in the clickables in the theoretical section. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4**

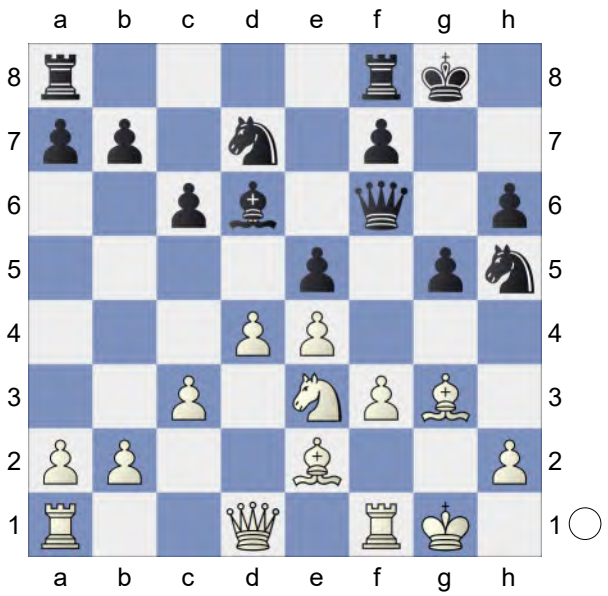


6.c3 Nd7 7.Nbd2!? Exploring less charted territory.Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **7...Ngf6 8.Be2** The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Nc4 Qe7**
[9...Nxe4? 10.Ng5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2+-]
10.0-0N 0.30/20
[Predecessor: 10.Nxd6+ Qxd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nxe5 -0.13/21 *(12.dxe5± 0.41/20 Qxd1 13.Bxd1 Nxe4 14.Bf4)* 12...Bxe2= 13.Qxe2 Nxe5 14.Bf4 Nfd7 15.Rad1 Qe6 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 ½-½ Koutlas,N (2314)-Mendonca,L (2567) Novi Sad Serbia op-A 2022 (3)]
[White should play 10.Nxd6+± 0.70/18 Qxd6 11.Be3]
10...0-0



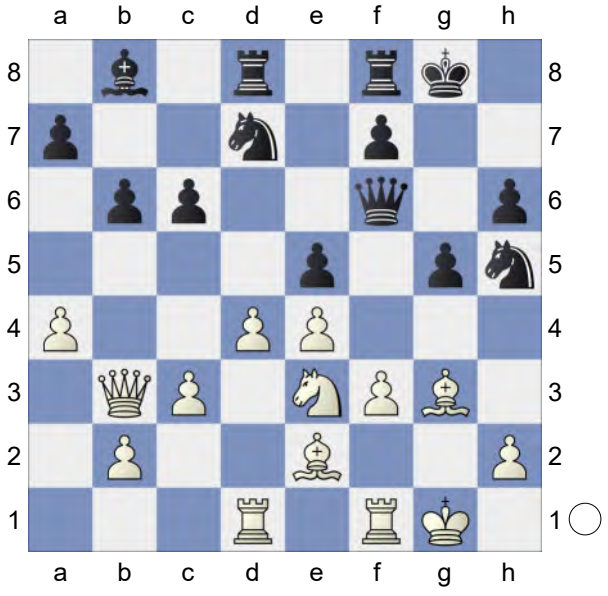
11.Bg5 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Strongly threatening f4.
[12.Rxf3 Qe6=]
12...h6 13.Bh4 g5 0.60/19
[13...exd4= 0.23/18 is superior. 14.f4 *(14.cxd4 Bf4=)* 14...Bxf4 15.Rxf4 dxc3]
14.Bg3± Nh5 15.Ne3 0.38/18
[15.Nxd6± 0.81/19 Qxd6 16.dxe5 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 *(17.Rfxd1 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Nxe5±)* 17...Nxg3 18.hxg3 Nxe5 19.Rd6]
15...Qf6

(Diagram)



16.Nf5 Rad8 17.Qb3 b6 18.Rad1 White is much more active. **18...Bb8 19.a4 Ng7 20.Ne3 Nh5** 0.42/18

[20...Ne6= 0.01/15]

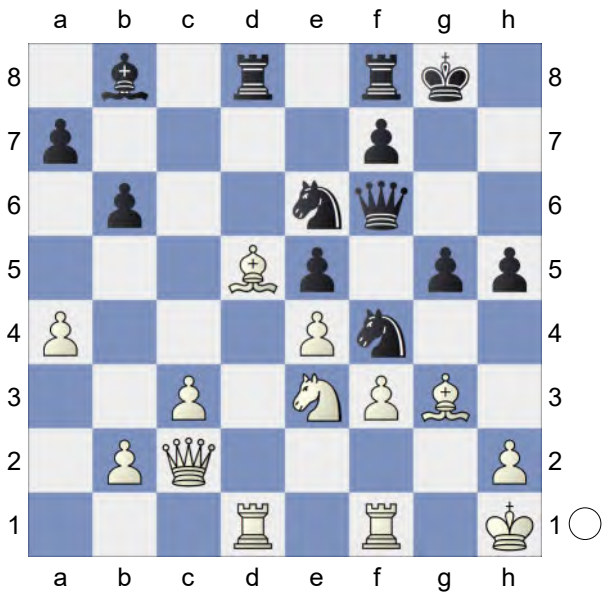


21.d5

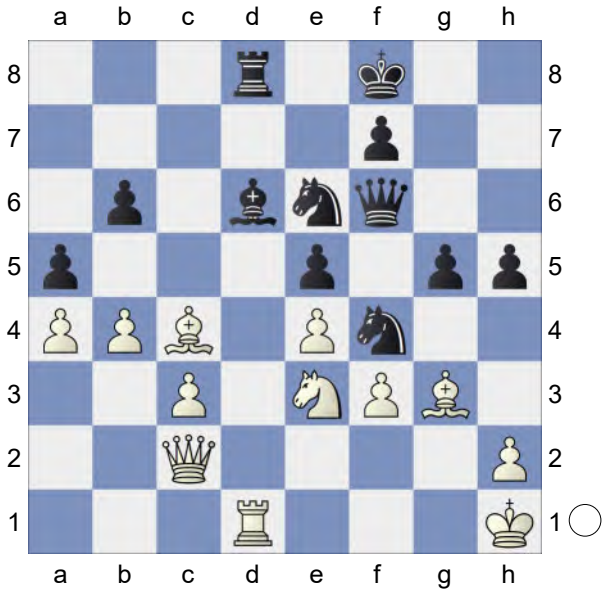
[21.Kf2 is more complex. Kh8 22.Rh1 Rde8 23.Qc2]

21...Nf4 22.Bc4 Nc5 Excellent horsemanship. **23.Qc2 cxd5 24.Bxd5 h5 25.Kh1 Nce6**

(Diagram)



26.Bc4 Bc7 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rd1 Kf8 29.b3 Bd6 30.b4 a5



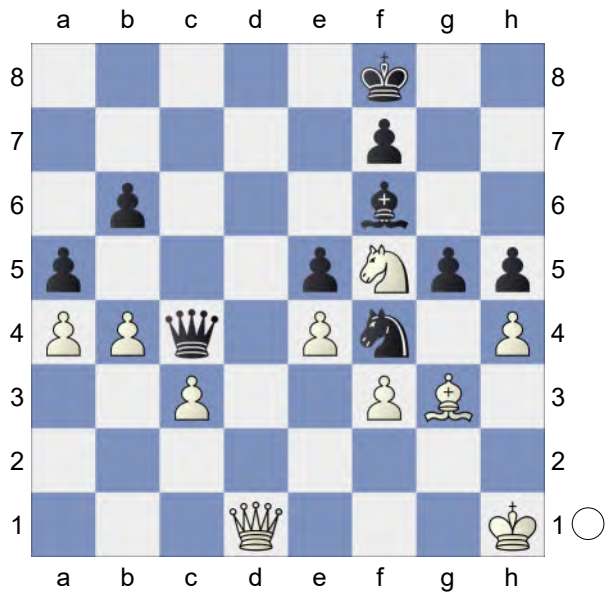
31.Bxe6 Qxe6 32.Nf5 Bc7 33.Rxd8+ 0.38/23

[33.bxa5= 0.02/25 bxa5 34.Rxd8+ Bxd8 35.c4]

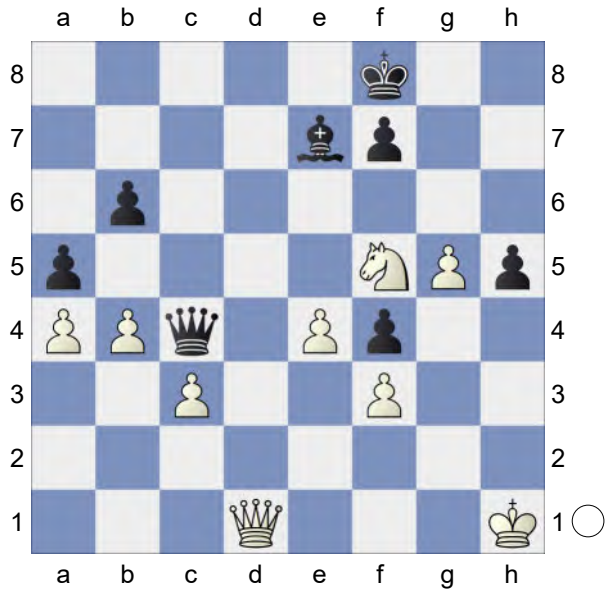
33...Bxd8 34.Qd1 Bf6 35.h4 Qc4 0.75/24

[35...gxh4= -0.01/21 remains equal. 36.Bxf4 exf4]

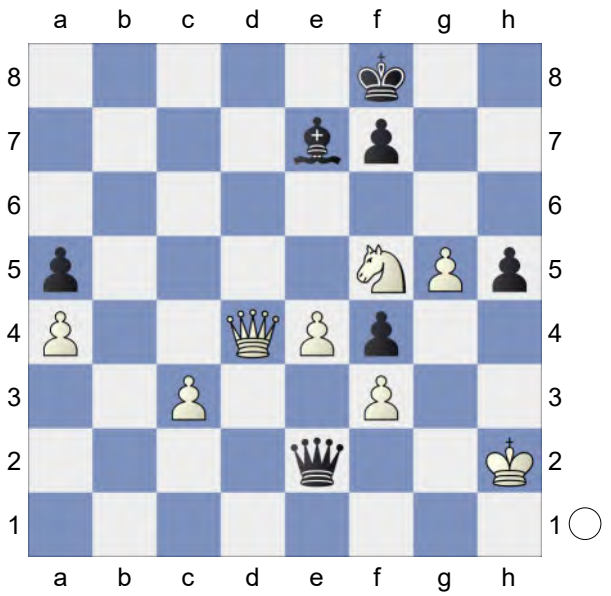
(Diagram)



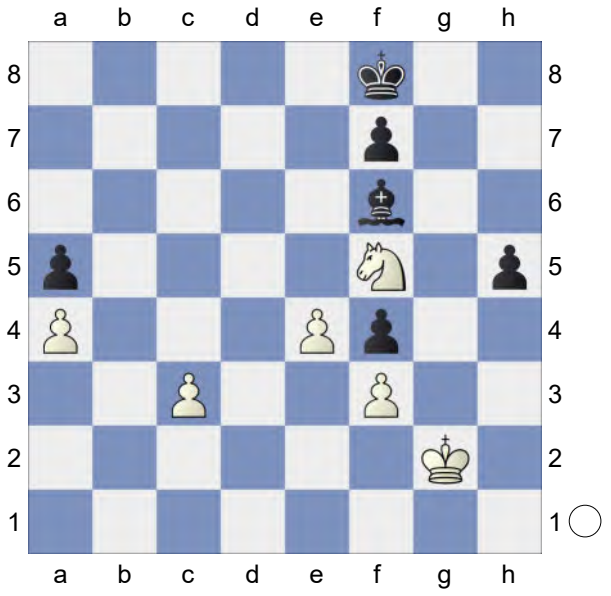
36.hxg5!±
[But not 36.Bxf4 gxf4 37.Kh2 *(37.Qd6+ Kg8=)* 37...Be7=]
36...Be7 1.27/21
[36...Bxg5± 0.67/25 37.Bxf4 exf4]
37.Bxf4 exf4



38.bxa5 0.01/23
[Better is 38.Kg2!± 1.21/21]
38...bxa5 Endgame. KQB-KQN **39.Qd4**
[39.Nxe7 simplifies Kxe7 40.Kg2 Qxc3 41.Qd5]
39...Qf1+ 40.Kh2 Qe2+
(Diagram)



41.Kg1 Qe1+ 42.Kg2 Qe2+ 43.Qf2 Qxf2+ 44.Kxf2
[44.Kh1 seems wilder. Bc5 45.Nd4 h4 46.g6]
44...Bxg5= KB-KN **45.Kg2 Bf6**



46.c4 Be5 47.Kh3 And now Kh4 would win. **47...Ke8 48.Kh4 Kd7 49.Kxh5 Kc6 50.Nh6 f6**

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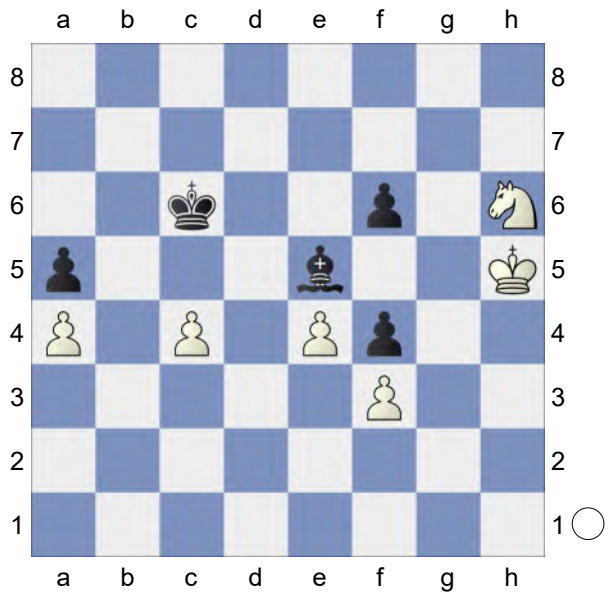
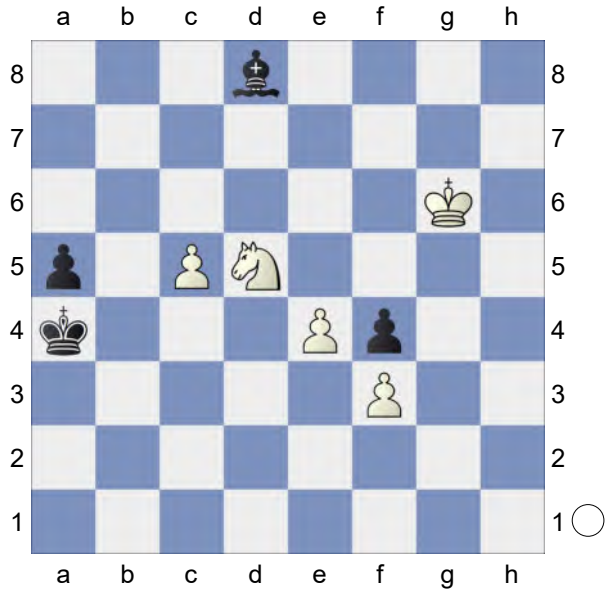
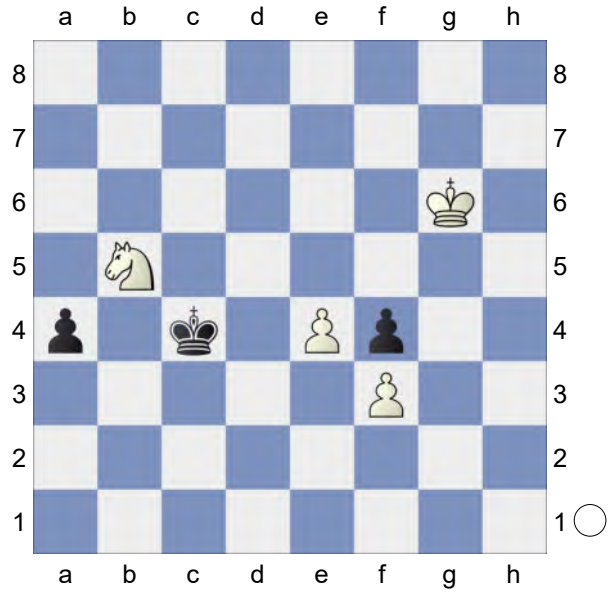


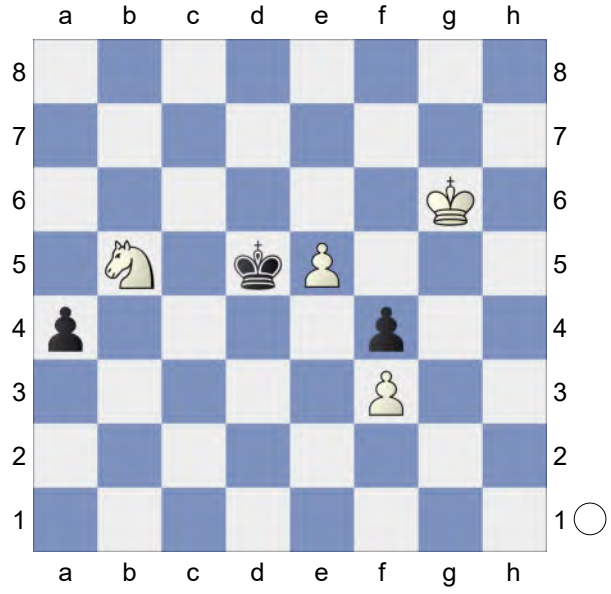
51.Ng4 Kc5 52.Kg6 Threatens to win with Nxe5. **52...Kb4?** 2.01/24
[52...Kxc4= 0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 53.Nxf6 *(53.Kf5 Bd4=)* 53...Kb4]
53.c5? 0.01/22
[53.Nxf6+- 2.01/24 Kxa4 54.Nd7]
53...Bc7? 5.02/26
[53...Kxc5= 0.01/22 and Black stays safe. 54.Nxf6 Kb4]
54.Nxf6+- Kxa4? 19.54/25
[54...Kxc5 3.14/25 55.Nd5 Bb8]
55.Nd5 Bd8



56.c6 White threatens c7! and mate.
[Weaker is 56.Nxf4 Kb5=]
56...Kb3 57.c7 Bxc7 58.Nxc7 a4 59.Nb5 Kc4



60.e5! Kd5N
[60...Kxb5 61.e6]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
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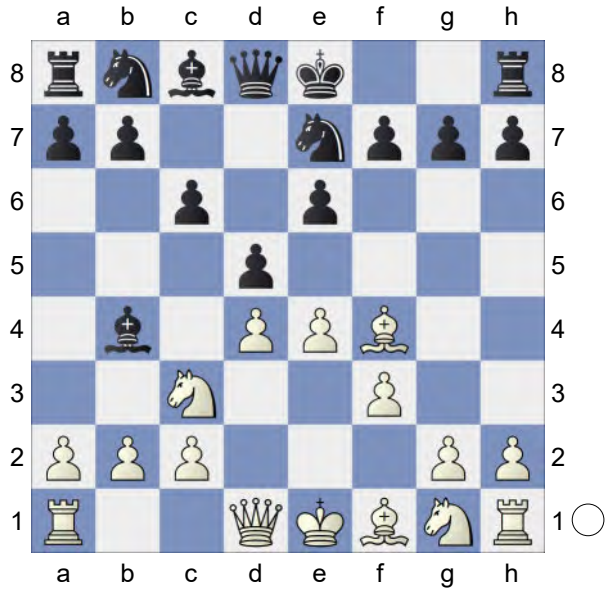
104 **B12**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2809**
■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2793**
Candidates Tournament (14) 01.04.2013
[Krasenkow,Michal]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
RR: 'Inf 91/(72)' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bf4 Ne7**

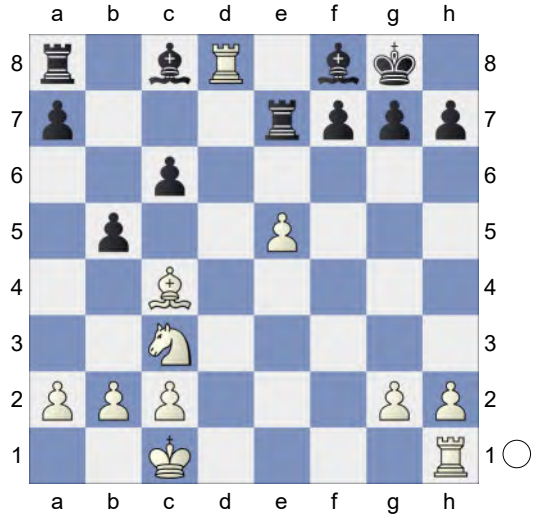


6.Nge2
[6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 a5 *(7...Ba6 8.Qe3 Nd7 9.0-0-0 Rc8 10.g4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Re8 14.Bd6 Ra8 15.Rde1 Nf6 16.Bg3 c5 17.Nb5 cxd4 18.Qxd4 dxe4 19.Qf2 Qd5 20.Nc7 Qa2 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Qd4* 0-1 (36) 7 Bc4, 1 (2510)-Classical 6...Ne4 (2609) Gistrup 1996 (1.2)*)* 8.0-0-0 Ba6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.h4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.Bd6 Rc8 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nf4 Morozevich,A (2732)-Vallejo Pons,F (2663) (blindfold) 91/(72) 2004]
6...dxe4N
[6...b6 7.a3 Bd6 8.Qd2 Ba6 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.h4 Bxf4 11.Qxf4 Nd7 12.h5 h6 13.g4 c5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Nc3 Bb7 17.Kb1 Qf6 18.Qc7 Bc6 19.Ba6 cxd4 20.Ne2 d3 21.Bxd3 0-1 (50) Lundberg,K (2714)-4. 0-0 ♘ge7 5. ♖e1 (2561) Volgograd 1994 (6.1)]
[6...0-0 7.a3 Ba5 8.Qd3 Nd7 9.Bd6 *(9.0-0-0 b5* Quickstarter Guide-Fantasy F3*)* 9...Bc7 10.Bxc7 Qxc7 11.0-0-0 b5 B 12/09 2001]
7.fxe4 Ng6 8.Bg3 The position is equal. **8...e5 9.dxe5**
[9.d5 0-0
A) 10.Qd3 cxd5↑ *(10...Nd7 11.0-0-0 Nc5 12.Qe3)* 11.exd5 f5 12.0-0-0 Na6 0.69/17 *(12...f4=* 0.00/18 *13.Bf2 Bg4)*;
B) 10.Qd2 cxd5 *(10...Nd7 11.0-0-0* 1-0 (37) Gheorghiu,F-Pavlov,M Bucharest 1965 *Nf6!)* 11.exd5 Na6 12.a3 , and Black should equalise. Be7 13.h4! Against Bg5 Bf5 0.40/19 *(13...Nxh4=* -0.04/18 should be considered. *14.Bxe5 Re8)* 14.0-0-0± Rc8 1.18/19 *(*Black should try *14...Nxh4±* 0.56/17 *15.Bf2 h6)* 15.d6± Bf6!? 16.Kb1! 0.50/18 *(16.Bf2±* 1.03/18 *)* 16...Nc5!?± 17.h5 Bg5± 18.Qd5 Be6! 0.79/21 *(18...Qf6±* 0.33/20 is more appropriate.*)* 19.Qf3± Nh4 20.Rxh4 0.58/19 *(20.Qf2* 0.09/21 20.Rxh4 0.65 *Nf5* Hoping for ... Ne3. *21.Bxe5* next Bf4 is good for White. *Ne3 22.Re1 Ng4; 20.Bxh4!±* 0.95/19 *Bxh4 21.b4)* 20...Bxh4± 21.Bxe5]
9...0-0
[The tactical justification of Black's last move: 9...Qe7]
10.Qd4

[10.Qxd8 Rxd8± 11.h4 Re8 12.0-0-0 Nd7! 13.a3 *(13.e6 Rxe6! 14.h5 Nge5 15.Nd4 Re8± 16.Nf5 Nf6 17.Nd6 Re6 ≤18.Nf5 Bd7)* 13...Bf8 14.e6 Rxe6 15.Nd4 Re8 16.h5 Nge5 17.Nf5 Nb6∓]

10...Qe7 This line was examined in my opening survey in CBM 132.

[10...Qxd4 0.28/21 10...Qe7 -0.21 11.Nxd4 Re8? 12.Nf3 *(12.0-0-0 Nxe5!)* 12...Nd7 13.0-0-0 (Indicated by IM M.Notkin) Ndxe5 1.64/25 *(13...b5?* 2.63/22 13...Ba5 -0.68 *14.Nxb5! cxb5 15.Bxb5; 13...Ba5; 13...Nc5=* 0.18/19 *)* 14.Bxe5!?+- Nxe5!? , e.g. 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Rd8+ Bf8 17.Bc4 Re7 18.e5! b5±



19.Bxf7+! Rxf7 20.e6]

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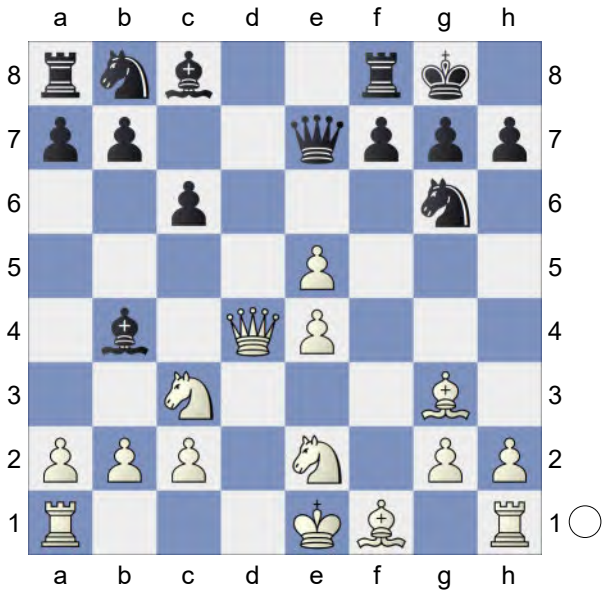


11.0-0-0 Two recent examples featuring other options for White: **11...Nd7N** This is more active than the previously played

[11...Bc5 12.Qd2 Na6 13.Nd4 (M.Notkin) Bxd4! 14.Qxd4 Bg4! 15.Rd2 Rfd8 Against e6 16.Qe3= Rxd2 17.Qxd2 Rd8 Repels Qd6 18.Qe3 Nc5 was probably good enough for equality, too, e.g.]

12.e6 Hardly a fortunate move since Black can play 12...b5 anyway. **12...fxe6** Logical.

13.h4

[13.e5 was simpler, with a probable draw after Ndxe5! 14.Bxe5 -0.63/21 *(14.h4=* 0.01/21 *Nf7 15.h5)* 14...Bc5∓ 15.Qe4 And now Kb1 would win. Qg5+]

13...Nb6 0.66/23

[13...Bc5 14.Qd2 Nb6 Against Na4]

[13...e5= -0.08/22 14.Qc4+ Kh8]

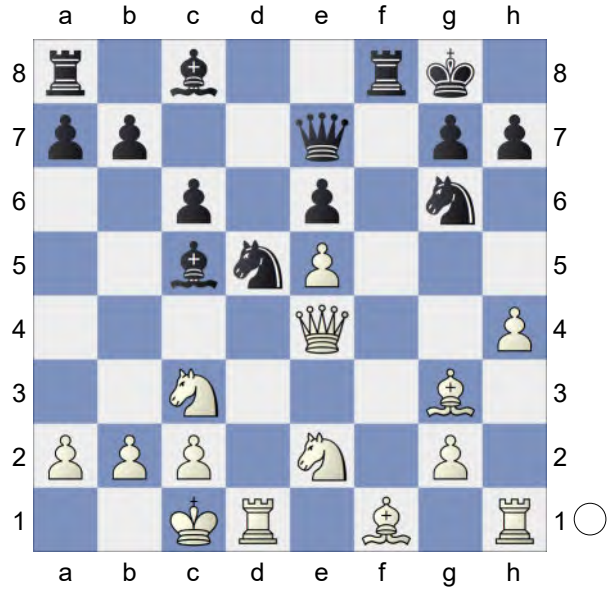
14.e5±

[14.h5! -0.01/20 14.e5 0.68 e5 15.Qd2 Nf4]

14...Bc5 **15.Qe4** White could have probably kept a tiny plus due to his better pawn structure after

simplifications starting with
[15.Qd3 Rf5 16.Nd4 0.37/21
(16.Kb1± 0.80/20) 16...Nxe5±
17.Qe4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Nf7
apparently gives White more chances.
Black has no problems after 19.Bd3]

15...Nd5



16.Rd3!? 0.17/21 Prevents Ne3
[16.Kb1± 0.85/20]

16...Rf5?!
[16...b6]

After the text move White obtains a 2♖ vs ♕ ending (+opposite-coloured bishops). It is potentially dangerous for Black since White's pieces can launch a strong attack on Black's king. Everything will depend on Black's ability to prevent White's activation. **17.Nd4 Ndf4!**

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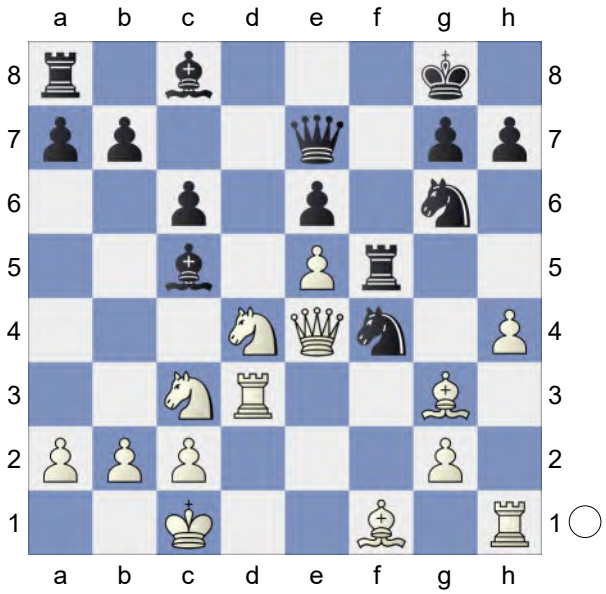
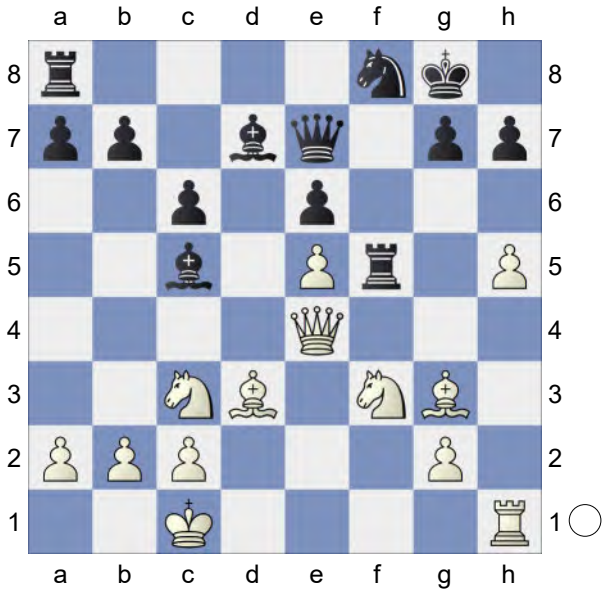


18.Nf3 Nxd3+
[18...Bb4]
[18...Bd7 19.Kb1]

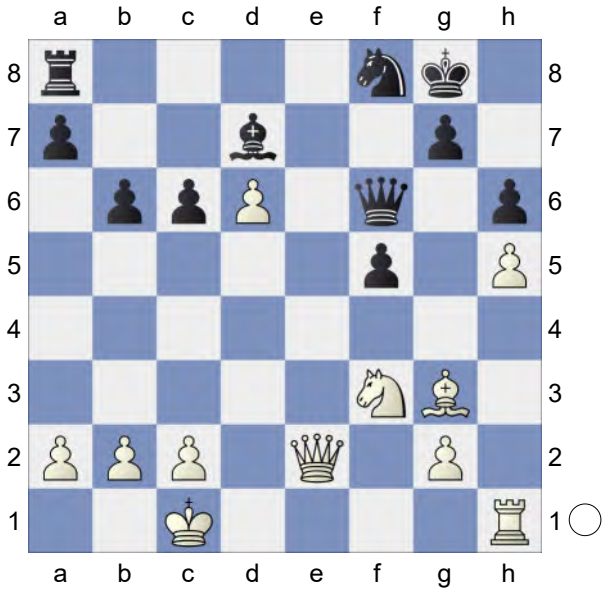
19.Bxd3 Bd7
[19...Qf8!]

20.h5 -0.01/19
[White should play 20.Kb1± 1.00/19]

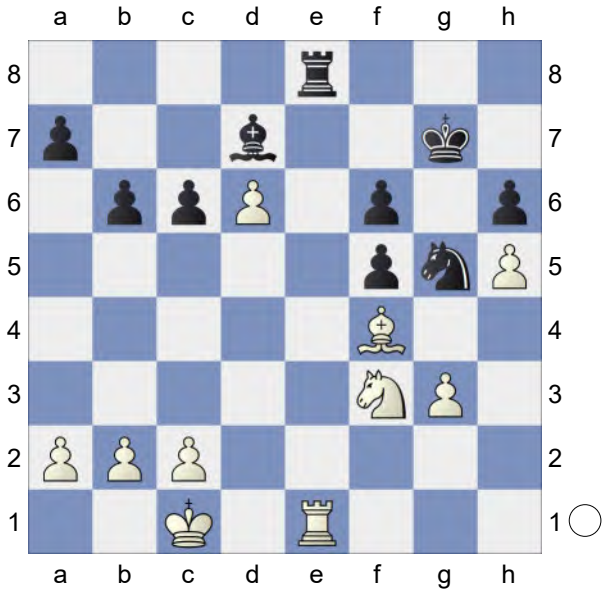
20...Nf8 1.14/20 Black wins one of White's queenside pawns - an important factor!
[20...Rxf3!= -0.01/19 remains equal.
21.gxf3 Qg5+ 22.Kb1 Qxg3]



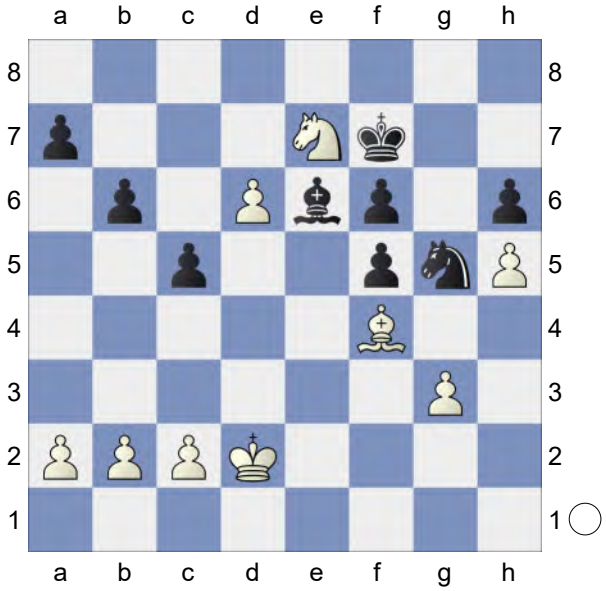
21.Qe2 0.15/21
[Better is 21.Qg4± 1.14/20]
21...h6!= 22.Ne4 b6 1.40/20
[22...Be8= 0.13/19 keeps the balance.]
23.Nd6± Bxd6 1.78/19 **24.exd6+- Qf6 25.Bxf5** 1.05/23
[⌓25.Be5 1.59/19 Qf7 26.Rh4 *(26.Bxf5 exf5 27.Bc3 Re8±)* 26...Rxh5 27.Rg4]
25...exf5±



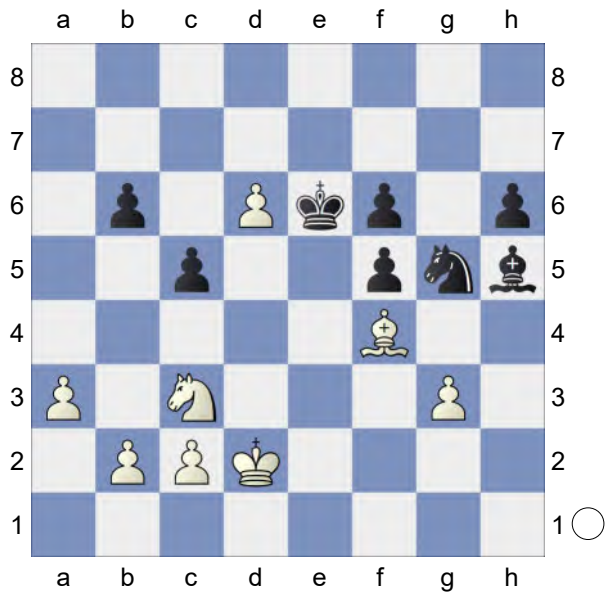
Black is weak on the dark squares
26.Qe7 0.21/21 White is more active.
[26.Qc4+± 1.11/22 Qe6 27.Qxe6+ Bxe6 28.Nd4]
26...Re8?= A theoretical mistake allowing White's rook to come out.
27.Qxf6 gxf6 28.Bf4 Kg7 29.g3 0.06/20
[29.Nh4± 0.51/20]
29...Ne6? A fatal idea. Black's a-pawn can now queen but his king comes under a mating attack. Black would do better to defend passively, protecting his f7 pawn with the queen: **30.Re1! Ng5** 0.39/21
[30...Nxf4= -0.28/24 31.Rxe8 *(31.gxf4 Rxe1+ 32.Nxe1 Kf7∓)* 31...Bxe8 32.gxf4 c5]



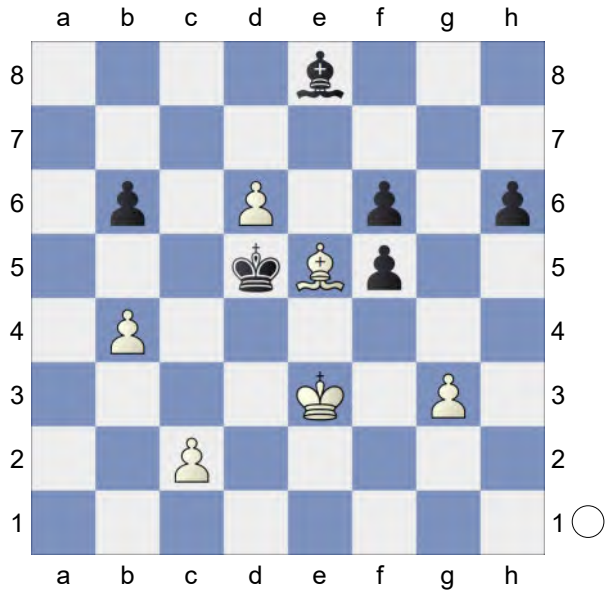
31.Rxe8± Bxe8 Endgame. KBN-KBN **32.Nh4 Bd7 33.Kd2 Kf7 34.Ng6 Be6□ 35.Ne7! c5**



36.Nc6 Ke8 Dodges Nd8 **37.Nxa7 Kd7!** Inhibits Nc6. **38.Nb5**
[38.Ke3!?]
38...Bf7!! 39.Nc3 Ke6 1.15/21
[39...Kc6± 0.50/24]
40.a3 0.14/22
[40.Ke3± 1.15/21]
40...Bxh5=



41.b4 cxb4 42.axb4 Black should prevent Na4. **42...Nf3+** 0.79/23
[42...Be8!= 0.01/25]
43.Ke3!± was even more accurate. **43...Ne5 44.Nd5** was a lesser evil but the a-pawn is likely to bring White a victory. **44...Kxd5** or so. White's advantage is probably insufficient for a win after all. **45.Bxe5 △Be8!**
[45...fxe5? too greedy. 46.d7+-]



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105 **B12**
□ **Azarov,Sergei** **2616**
■ **Navara,David** **2705**
TCh-Extraliga 2013-14 (6.1) 19.01.2014
[Tom Rendle]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.c3

[4.a4 has become the standard move here but perhaps in light of e5 5.dxe5 a5! which I covered last year in Bauer-Ragger, Azarov decides to try a different approach with 4.c3, which has only been mentioned in the notes on ChessPub before.]

4...e6 This is of course a very solid approach leaving us already in an original position after just 4 moves!

[4...e5!? is obviously critical and now 5.Qe2

A) 5...Ne7!? is worthy of attention here, for example 6.exd5 *(or 6.dxe5 Nd7 7.f4 Nc5 8.Nd2 Ng6* good compensation for the pawn*)* 6...cxd5 7.dxe5 Nbc6 8.f4 Nf5 9.Nf3 Be7 and White still has some problems developing here;

B) 5...exd4 6.exd5+ Kd8 7.cxd4 Nf6! *(7...cxd5?! 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Bg5* and I really like White's chances*)* 8.Nc3

B1) 8...Bb4 is slightly less convincing although probably fine 9.Qd3 Re8+ 10.Nge2 cxd5 11.Bf4 *(11.Kf2!* keeps a slight edge *)* 11...Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qd2 Nc6 14.Kf2 Ke7 15.Qf4 Be6 16.Qxd6+ Kxd6 and Black had safely equalised in Azarov, S (2636)-Maghalashvili, D (2502) Baku 2013;

B2) 8...Bd6! 9.Qc2 Re8+ 10.Nge2 h6! 11.Kf2 cxd5 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Qd2 Bd7 *(13...Ke7!?* preparing to castle manually on the kingside also seems reasonable here*)* 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Na4 1/2-1/2 Jakovenko, D (2724)-Motylev, A (2663) Poikovsky 2013]

5.e5?! This leads to a very pleasant French Defence for Black and makes little sense as far as I can see. Normally the pawn would be back on f2 and White could respond to ...c5 with Nf3 but here he has to 'waste' a move with f4, not something he really wants to do.

[5.Bd3 looks much more sensible here waiting for the knight to come to f6 before playing e5 and now c5 *(5...Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a4!* gives White interesting play on the queenside*)* 6.exd5 exd5 7.Qe2+ Be7 8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.Be3 Qc7 and Black should be completely OK although White can play against the isolated queen's pawn]

[5.Nh3 is a possible attempt to make sense of the position but Black should be fine here, e.g. Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Qb3 otherwise ...c5 is very annoying c5 8.Qxb6 Nxb6 9.Na3 with equality as cxd4 can be met by 10.Nb5]

5...c5

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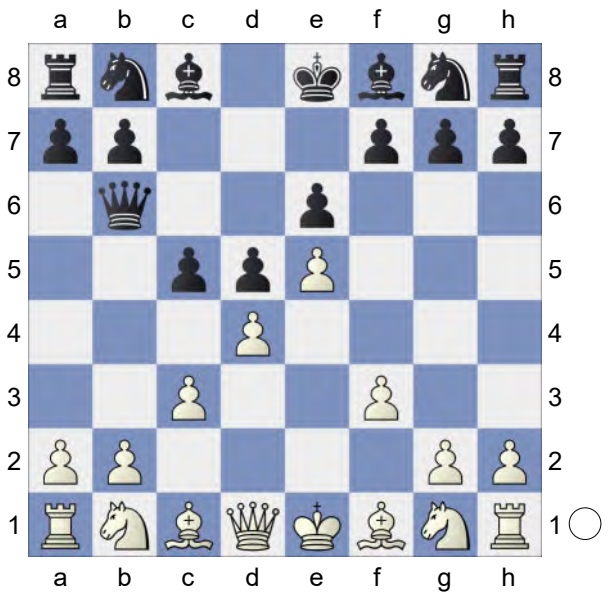


6.f4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bd7N

[7...Nh6! looks logical and strong here, for example 8.Bd3 *(8.Na3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bxa3 10.bxa3 Nf5* Chapter-Games Chapter 3 Game 1*)* 8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Bd7 10.Bc2 Nb4! and Black gains the two bishops and an excellent position]

8.Na3

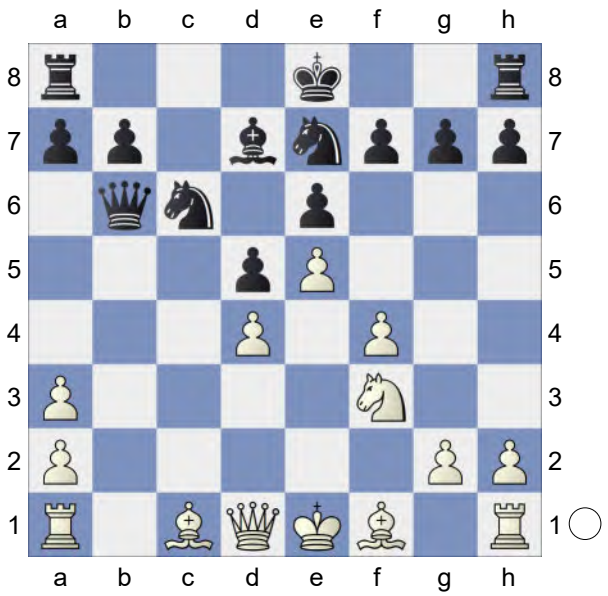
[8.dxc5!? would be an interesting attempt to mix things up here, although Black keeps the better chances after Bxc5 9.Qe2 Dodges Bf2+ a5! 10.Nbd2 a4 Prevents Nb3]

8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Bxa3

[9...Bb4+ 10.Kf2 Nh6! already looks just unpleasant for White, e.g. 11.Nc2 Be7 *(11...Rc8!?)* 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Re1 f6! and White isn't really ready for the position to open up]

10.bxa3 The position is equal. **10...Nge7**

(Diagram)



11.Qd2?! -0.37/18

[11.Qd3 would've made more sense in hindsight, with the knight coming to c4 but Black is still slightly better after Na5 12.Be2 Rc8]

[11.Qd3= 0.00/21 should be considered.]

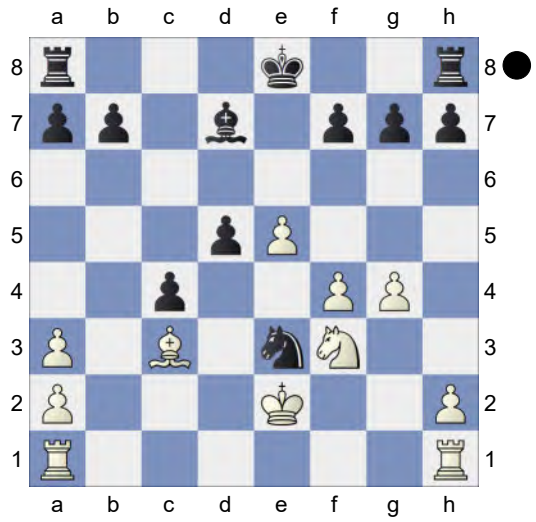
11...Nf5∓ 12.Bb2 Na5! 13.Bc3 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.d5?! This doesn't really work out for Avarov but White was clearly worse in any case

[15.0-0 Bc6 16.Rab1 Qd8 is a bit depressing for White as when the queen comes to d5 he will have zero counterplay]

15...Qe3+

[15...exd5 is also very strong, for example 16.g4 Qe3+! 17.Qxe3 Nxe3 18.Ke2

(Diagram)



A) 18...Nxg4?! 19.h3 Nh6 White must now prevent ...Nf5. 20.e6! fxe6 21.Bxg7 Nf7 22.Bxh8 Nxh8 23.Ne5 -0.89/19 and White should draw without too many problems *(23.h4∓ -0.49/19 is superior.)*;

B) 18...Nc2! 19.Rac1 Nxa3 20.f5 -1.39/18 *(*White should try *20.Nd4 -1.00/18)* 20...h5 0.01/20 *(20...Nb5∓ -1.39/18 21.Ba1 0-0)* 21.h3 -1.11/19 *(21.e6!= 0.01/20 Bxe6 22.fxe6 hxg4 23.exf7+ Kxf7 24.Ne5+ Kg8 25.Nxg4)* 21...Nb5 and White has some compensation but not nearly enough for two pawns]

[15...exd5 simplifies 16.Nd4 0-0 17.0-0 Qg6]

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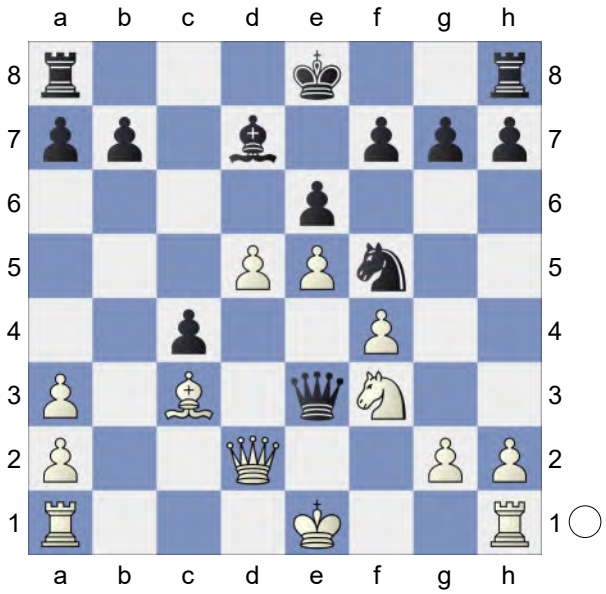

16.Kd1 -1.42/20 White is weak on the light squares

[16.Qxe3 Nxe3 17.dxe6 was a better chance - Black is clearly better after fxe6 18.Kd2 Nxg2 aiming for ...0-0! 19.Rhg1 Nxf4 And now ...0-0 would win. 20.Rxg7 but at least White is in the game here]

[⌓16.Qxe3 -1.00/21 Nxe3 17.d6]

16...exd5∓ Black is more active. **17.Re1** Prevents d4. **17...Qxd2+**

[17...Qc5 is even stronger, with White's king caught in the centre there was no real reason to exchange queens]

18.Kxd2 h5! Black is a safe pawn up and so begins the slow process of improving the position and playing for the win. Navara's technique is more than up to the job. **19.Nd4** Threatens to win with e6. **19...0-0-0 20.a4?!** -2.15/21

[20.Rad1 -1.71/19 was necessary.]

20...Rh6!-+

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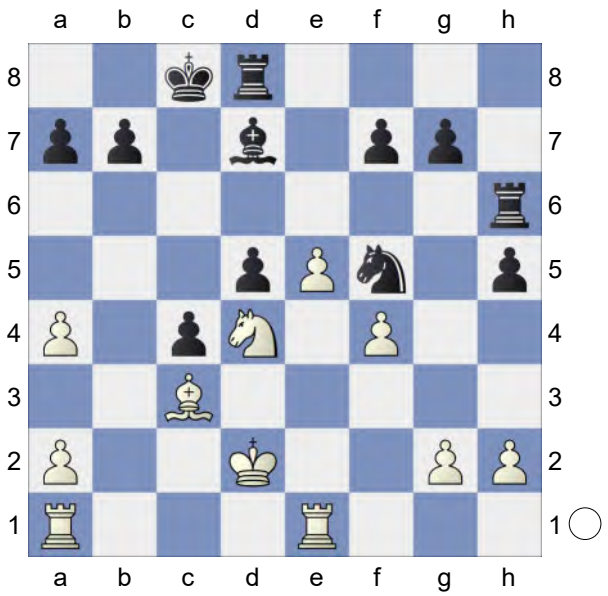
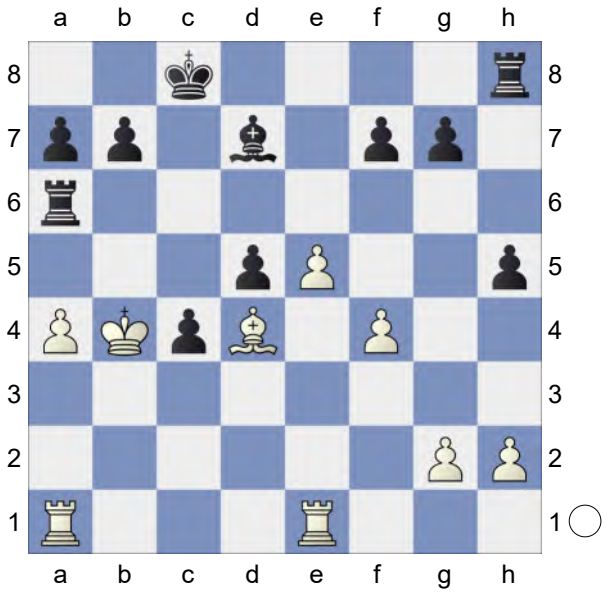


The a-pawn is now doomed! **21.a5 Ra6 22.a4 Nxd4 23.Bxd4 Rxa5 24.Kc3 Rh8**

[24...Bxa4? 25.Kb4 Rb5+ 26.Kxa4+-]

25.Kb4 Ra6



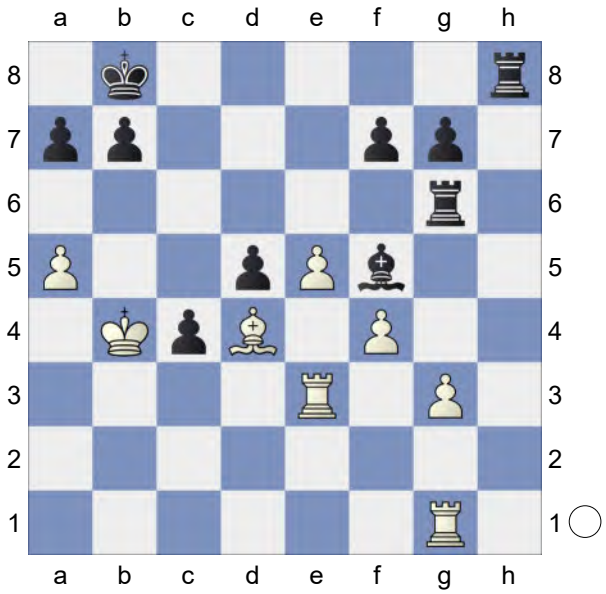
26.a5 Bf5 27.Re3 h4 Prevents Rg3. **28.Rg1 Kb8** -1.11/21

[28...Rhh6-+ -2.34/19 ...Kd7 is the strong threat. 29.Rf3 Kd7]

29.g4∓ hxg3 30.hxg3 -1.90/21

[30.Rexg3∓ -0.91/22 g6 *(30...Rxh2 31.Rxg7 Be6 32.f5±)* 31.e6]

30...Rg6-+



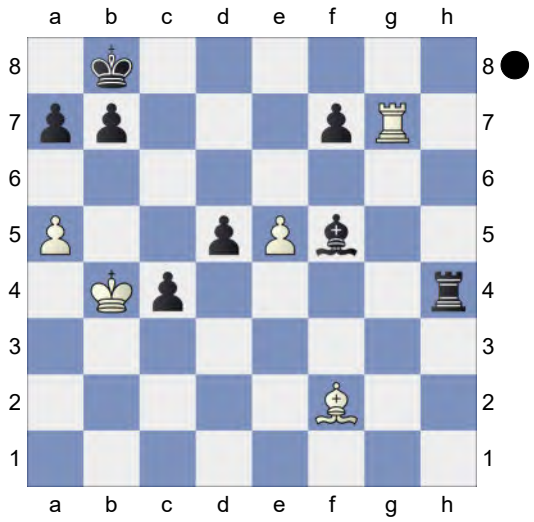
31.g4! An excellent practical choice given the circumstances **31...Rxg4**

[31...Be4 -1.46/20 31...Rxg4 -1.96 keeping control was safer]

[Weaker is 31...Bxg4 32.e6 fxe6 33.Reg3=]

32.Rxg4 Bxg4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **33.Rg3 Rh4** Hoping for ...Be6. **34.Bc5?** -4.14/23 White misses his last chance

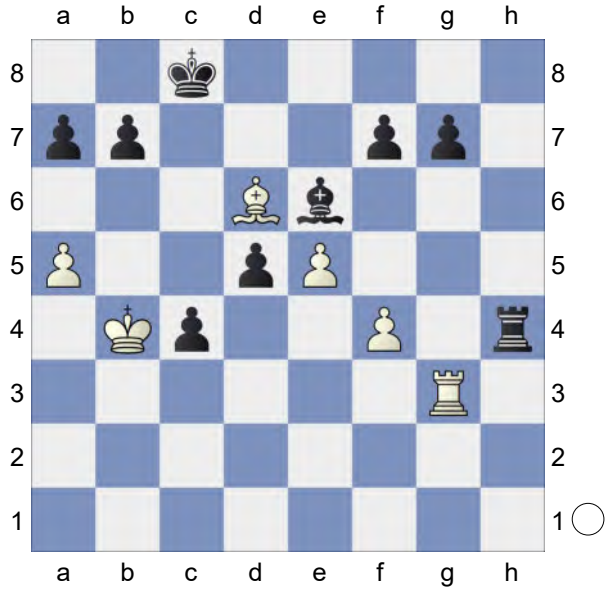
[34.Bf2! and suddenly things aren't so clear, e.g. Be6 35.f5! Bxf5 36.Rxg7



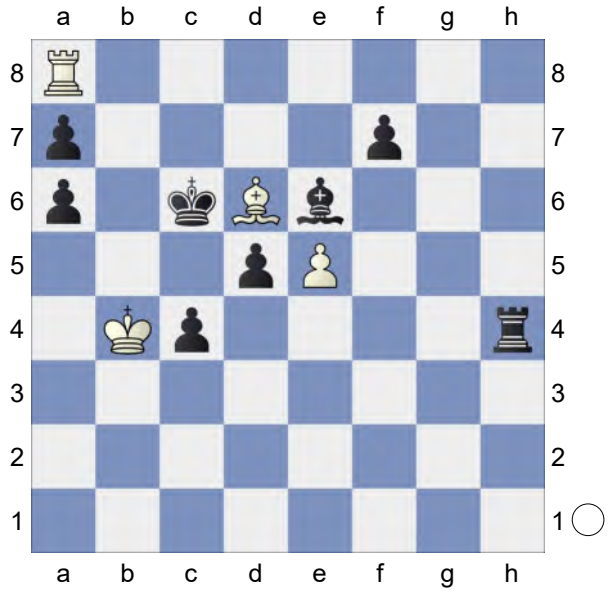
Rh7! 37.Rxh7 Bxh7 38.Be3 and despite being 3 pawns to the

good it's not clear to me how Black makes progress as White can just blockade on the dark squares]
[34.Bf2 -2.80/24 was called for. Bc8 35.e6 Bxe6 36.Rxg7]

34...Be6 35.Bd6+ Kc8



36.f5 Bxf5 Black is clearly winning.
37.Rxg7 Be6 38.Rg8+ Kd7 39.a6 bxa6 40.Ra8 Kc6



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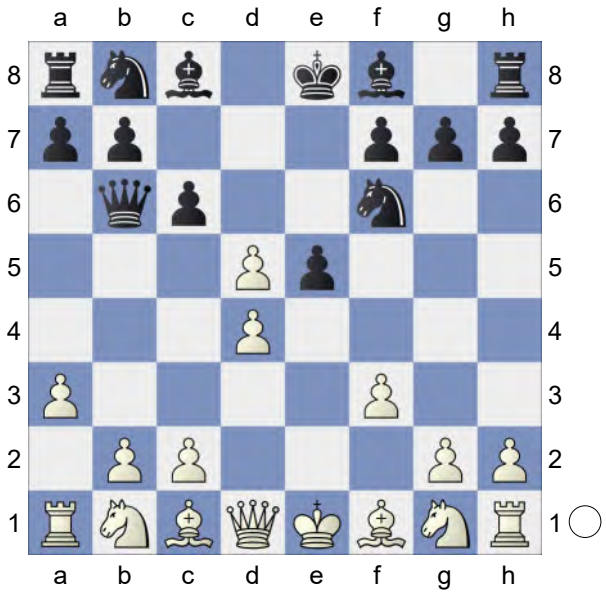
106 **B12**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2754**
■ **Jobava,Baadur** **2710**
39. Olympiad Men (7) 28.09.2010
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.a3 e5 5.exd5 Nf6 0.09/18
[5...cxd5∓ -0.43/19 6.Qe2 Nc6 *(6...Qxd4 7.Nc3=)*]



6.dxe5= Bc5

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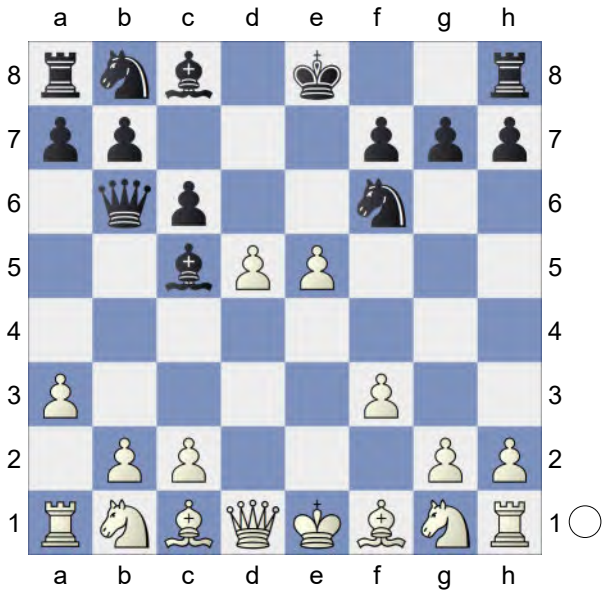
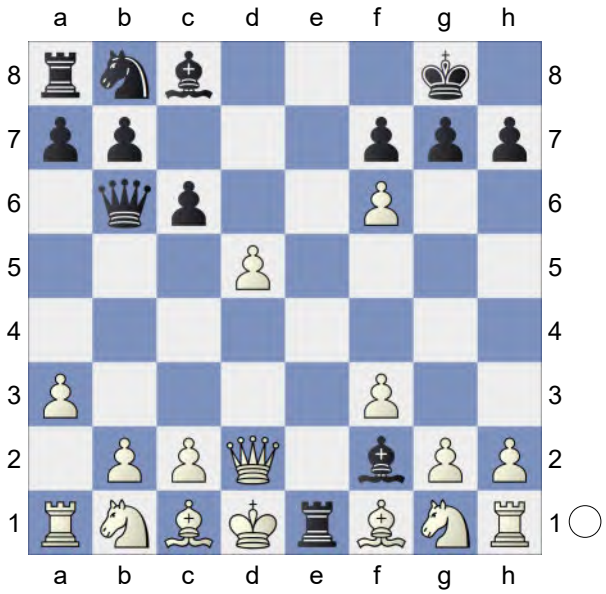
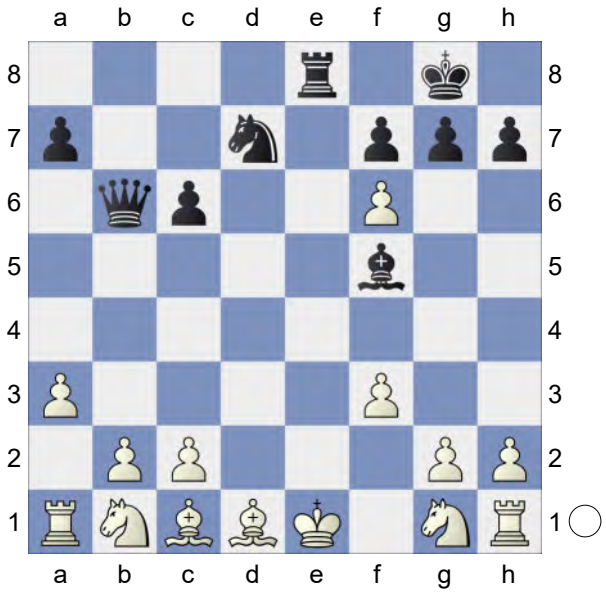


Hoping for ...Bf2+. **7.exf6 Bf2+ 8.Ke2** White is slightly better. **8...0-0** (-> ...Re8+)
[8...Bxg1? 9.Rxg1 *(9.fxg7 Qf2+ 10.Kd3 Qd4+ 11.Ke2 Qf2+ 12.Kd3 Qd4+ 13.Ke2 Qe5+ 14.Kd3 Qd4+=)* 9...Qxg1 10.fxg7+-]
9.Qd2! aiming for Kd1! **9...Re8+**
[9...Bxg1 10.Kd1 Bd4 11.fxg7 Bxg7 12.Nc3±]
10.Kd1 And now Ne2 would win.
10...Re1+

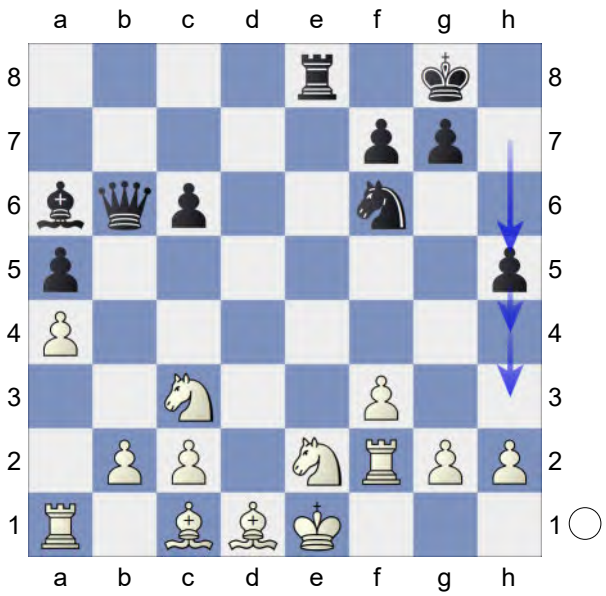


11.Qxe1 Bxe1 12.Kxe1 Bf5 13.Be2

-0.29/18
[13.Nc3± 0.60/19]
13...Nd7? 1.89/17
[13...cxd5= -0.29/18 and Black is okay. 14.fxg7 Qe6]
14.dxc6 0.51/20
[14.a4+- 1.89/17]
14...bxc6 15.Bd1 Re8+

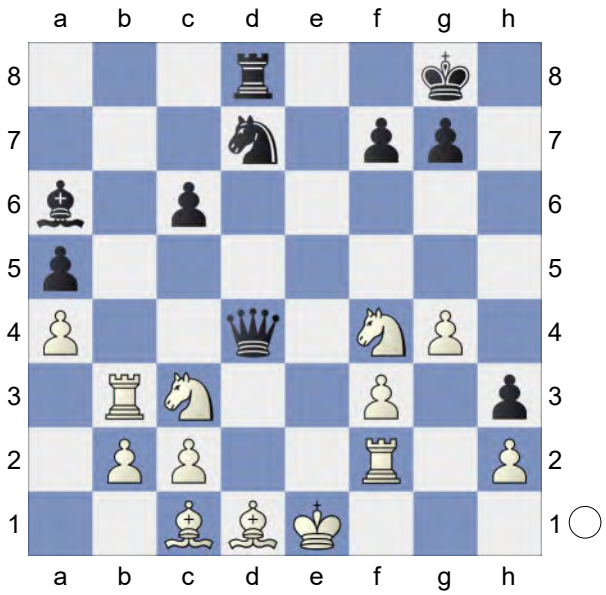


16.Ne2 Nxf6 17.Nbc3 Bc8 18.a4 a5
19.Rf1 Ba6 1.23/21
[⌓19...h5 0.87/19]
20.Rf2 h5



21.Ra3 h4 22.g3 h3 23.g4 Rd8

1.97/22
[Black should try 23...Bc4± 0.69/20]
24.Nf4+- Nd7 2.65/22
[24...Re8+± 1.45/22 25.Nfe2 Qc5]
25.Rb3 Qd4



26.Nfe2 Re8 1.93/22
[26...Qc4± 1.55/22 might work better. 27.Ng3 Nc5]
27.Ne4 Qxa4 28.Bd2 Qa1? 3.48/22
[28...c5 1.67/20 29.Ra3 Qc6 30.Rxa5 *(30.Bxa5 Ne5±)* 30...f6]
29.Bc3 White is clearly winning.
29...Ne5 4.96/22
[⌓29...Qa2 3.10/19 30.N2g3 *(30.Ra3 Qd5+-)* 30...Qa1]
30.Ra3 White is clearly winning.
30...Qb1

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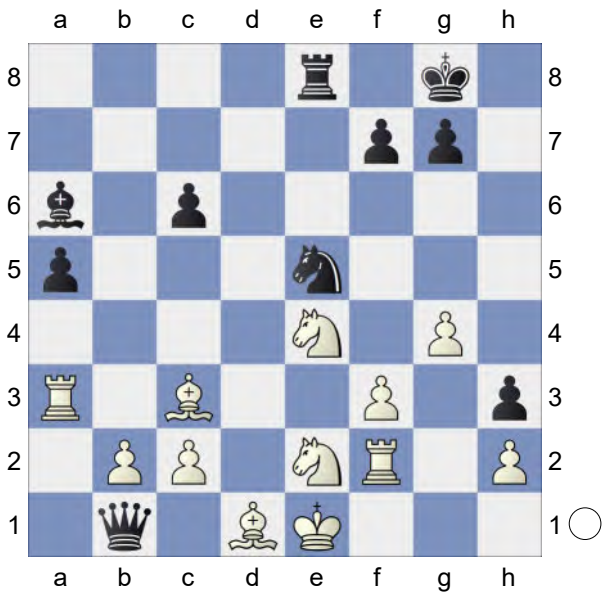
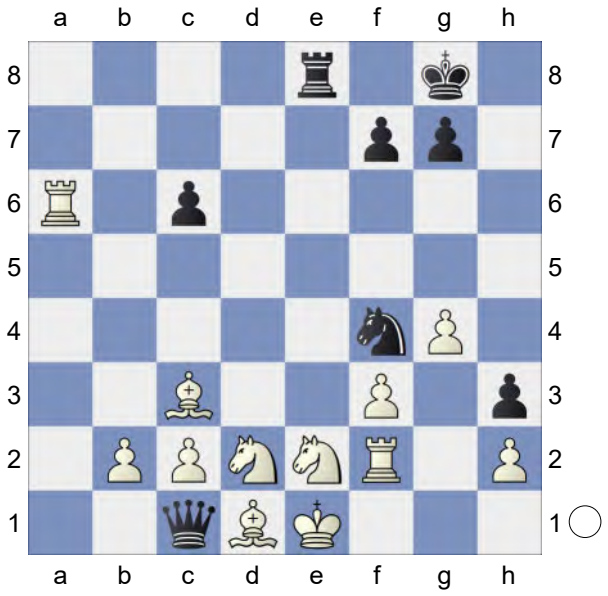
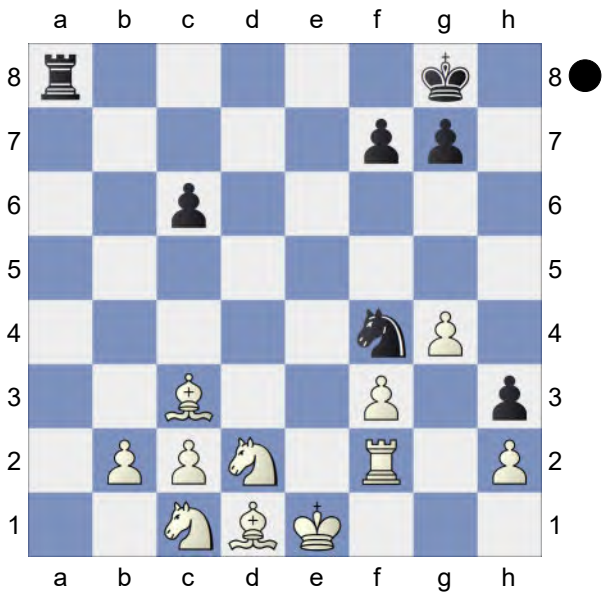


31.Nd2 Repels Nc4
[Less strong is 31.Rxa5 Bxe2 32.Kxe2 Nc4±]
31...Qc1 32.Rxa5 Double Attack
[32.Nxc1? Nxf3#]
32...Ng6 10.20/23
[⌓32...Nc4 5.07/21 33.Nb3 *(33.Rxa6?* is the wrong capture. *Ne3-+)* 33...Qf4 34.Rxa6 Qh6]
33.Rxa6 Nf4



34.Ra8!! Rxa8N
[34...Ng2+ 35.Rxg2]
35.Nxc1



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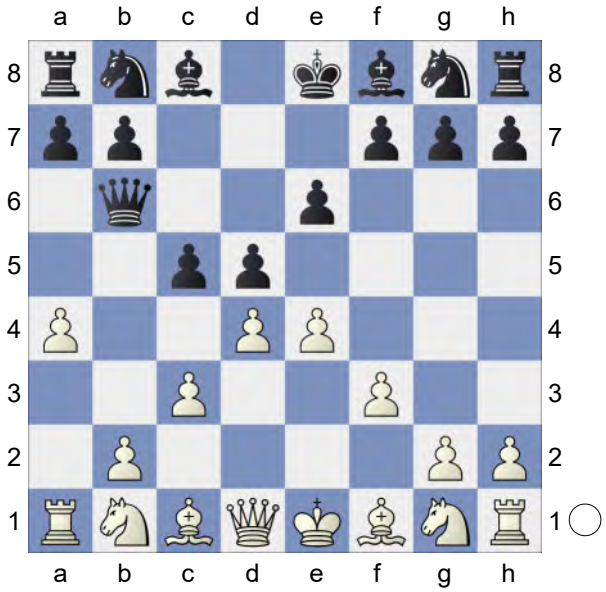
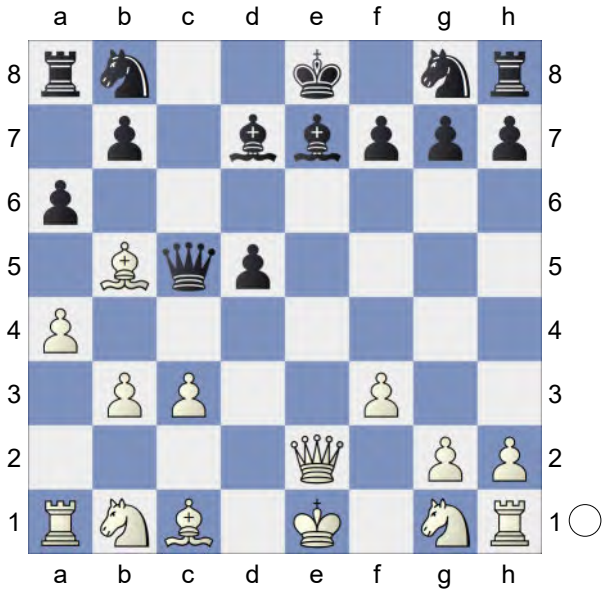
107 **B12**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2695**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2741**
45. Mem Elite (5) 14.06.2010
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

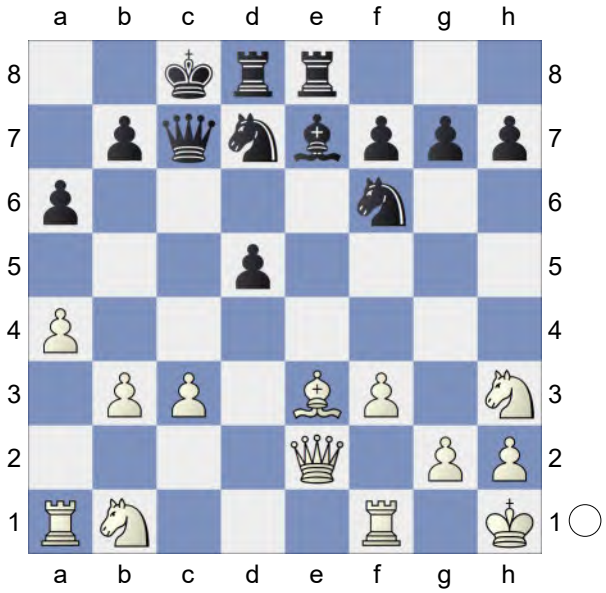
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.a4 e6 5.c3 c5



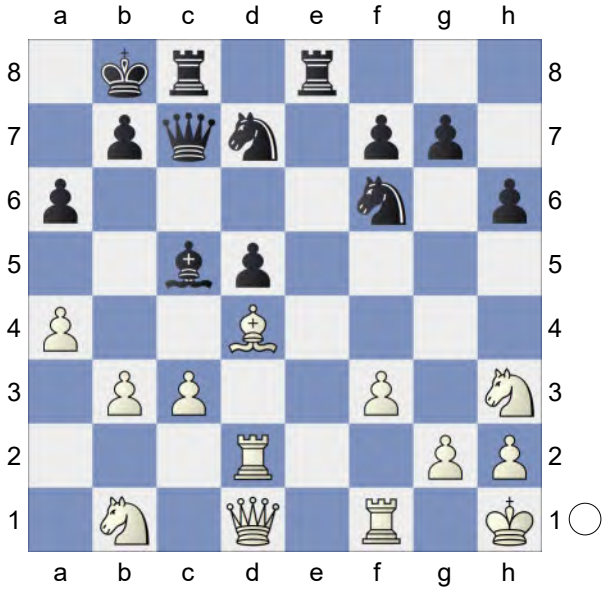
6.exd5 exd5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Qe2+ The position is equal. **8...Be7 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.b3 a6**



11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Nh3 0-0-0 13.Be3 Qc7 14.0-0 Ngf6 15.Kh1N Rhe8



...Bc5 is the strong threat. **16.Qd1 Bd6 17.Bg1 Bc5 18.Ra2 Kb8 19.Rd2 h6 20.Bd4 Rc8**



21.Nf2 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Ne5 23.Rd2 Re6 24.Re1 Rce8→ White is in trouble. **25.Rde2 g5**

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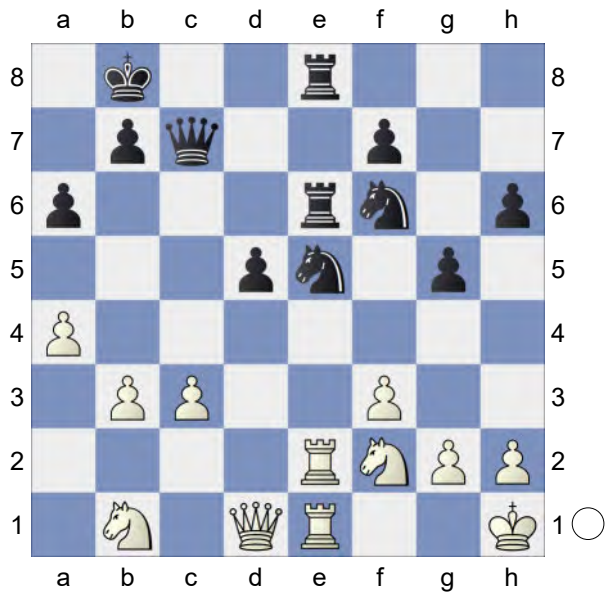
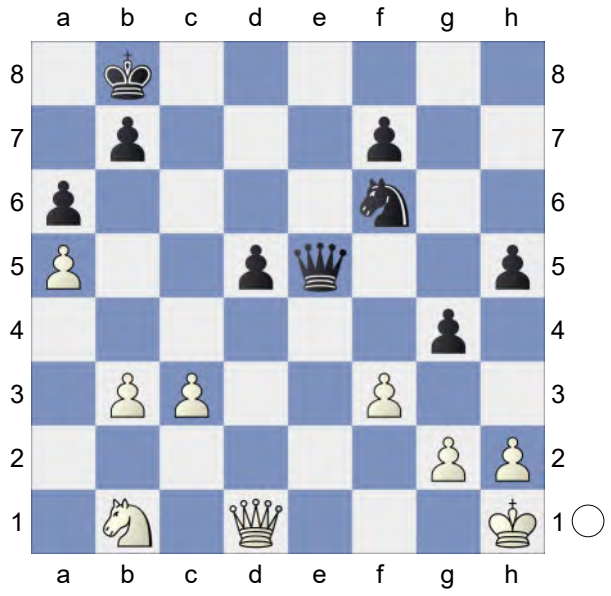


26.Nd3 g4 27.Nxe5 Rxe5 28.Rxe5 Rxe5 29.Rxe5 Qxe5∓ Endgame. KQN-KQN **30.a5** -2.23/20

[30.Kg1∓ -1.17/22]

30...h5 -1.12/20

[30...gxf3-+ -2.23/20 31.gxf3 Qe3]



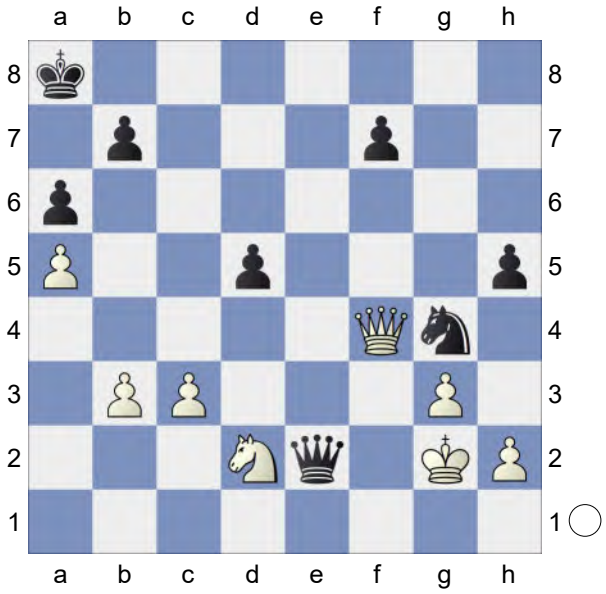
31.g3? -2.76/24

[31.Kg1∓ -1.12/20]

31...gxf3-+ 32.Qxf3 Qe1+! 33.Kg2 Ng4

[33...Qxb1 34.Qxf6 Qxb3 35.Qf4+ Ka8 36.Qc7= *(36.Qxf7 Qa2+ 37.Kh3 Qxa5=)*]

34.Qf4+ Ka8 aiming for ...Qe2+. **35.Nd2 Qe2+**



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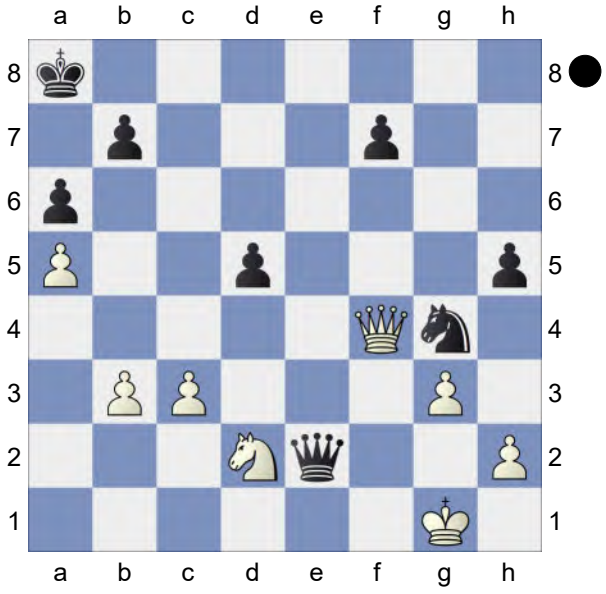


Qxh2+? -1.40/5

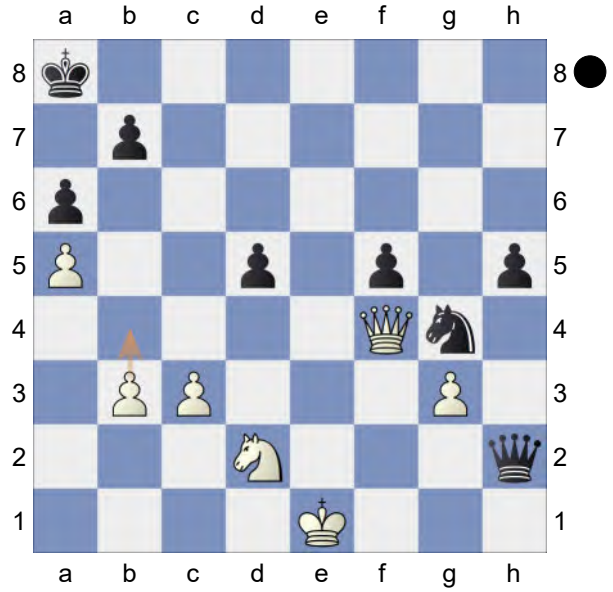
[36...Nxh2 37.Qxf7 Qxd2 38.Qf8+ Ka7 39.Qc5+ Kb8 40.Qd6+ Kc8 41.Qf8+ Kc7 *(41...Kd7 42.Qf7+ Kc8 43.Qxh5=)* 42.Qe7+ Kb8 *(42...Kc6 43.Qe6+ Kc7 44.Qe5+ Kc8 45.Qe8+ Kc7 46.Qe7+ Kc8 47.Qe8+ Kc7 48.Qf7+ Kb8 49.Qf8+ Ka7 50.Qc5+ Kb8 51.Qd6+ Kc8 52.Qe6+ Kd8*

53.Qf6+ Kc8 54.Qh8+ Kc7 55.Qe5+ Kc6 56.Qe6+ Kc7 57.Qb6+ Kd7 58.Qxb7+ Ke8 59.Qc6+ Ke7 60.Qc7+ Kf6 61.Qb6+ Ke5 62.b4-+) 43.Qd8+ Ka7 44.Qb6+ Ka8 45.Qd8+ Ka7 46.Qb6+ Ka8 47.Qd8+ Ka7=]

[36...h4!-+ -3.71/24 is more deadly. (-> ...h3) 37.Qxf7 *(37.gxh4? Ne3-+)* 37...Qe3+ Deflection *(37...Qxd2 38.Qf8+ Ka7 39.Qc5+ Kb8 40.Qd6+ Ka7 41.Qc5+ Kb8 42.Qf8+ Ka7 43.Qc5+=; 37...Qxh2+? 38.Kf1-+)* 38.Kf1 Nxh2+ *(38...Qxd2 39.Qg8+ Ka7 40.Qxg4=)* 39.Kg2 Qxd2+ 40.Kg1 Qxc3 *(40...hxg3 41.Qf8+ Ka7 42.Qc5+ Ka8 43.Qc8+ Ka7 44.Qc5+ Kb8 45.Qf8+ Ka7 46.Qc5+=; 40...Ka7 41.Qf6∓)* 41.Qg8+ Ka7 42.Kxh2 Qd2+ *(42...Qxa5 43.gxh4 d4 44.Qg5∓)* 43.Kh3 hxg3 *(43...Qxa5 44.gxh4 Qc3+ 45.Qg3∓)* 44.Kxg3 Qxa5]

37.Kf1∓ f5 Strongly threatening ...h4.

38.Ke1



h4 -0.68/22

[38...Qg1+!∓ -1.08/22 39.Ke2 Qg2+ 40.Kd3 Nf2+ 41.Kd4 Ne4]

39.Nf1!∓ Qb2 -0.12/22

[39...Qc2∓ -0.55/22 40.Qd4 h3 *(40...Qxb3 41.Qh8+ Ka7 42.Qd4+ Kb8 43.gxh4∓)* 41.Qh8+ Ka7 42.Qd4+ Kb8 43.Qh8+ Kc7 44.Qg7+ Kc8 45.Qh8+ Kc7 46.Qg7+ Kb8 47.Qf8+ Ka7 *(47...Kc7 48.Qc5+ Kd7 49.Qxd5+ Ke7 50.Qxb7+ Kf8 51.Qc8+ Kf7 52.Qd7+ Kf8 53.Qc8+ Ke7 54.Qc7+ Ke8 55.Qc8+ Kf7 56.Qd7+ Kg6 57.Qe8+ Kf6 58.Qd8+ Kg7 59.Qe7+ Kg6 60.Qe8+ Kh7 61.Qe7+ Kg6 62.Qe8+=)* 48.Qc5+ Kb8 49.Qd6+ Kc8 50.Qe6+ Kc7 51.Qf7+ Kd8 52.Qf8+ Kd7 53.Qf7+ Kd8 54.Qf8+ Kd7 55.Qg7+ Ke6 56.Qg8+ Ke7 57.Qg7+ Ke6 58.Qg8+ Ke7 59.Qg7+ Ke6]

40.gxh4 -0.54/21

[40.Qxf5= -0.12/22 was preferrable. hxg3 *(40...Qxc3+ 41.Ke2∓)* 41.Qc8+ Ka7 42.Qc5+ Kb8 43.Qd6+ *(43.Qf8+ Ka7=)* 43...Ka8 44.Qxg3 *(44.Qd8+ Ka7=)*]

40...Qxc3+

[40...Qxb3 41.Qb4 Qc2 42.Qf8+ Ka7 43.Qc5+ Ka8 44.Qc8+ Ka7 45.Qc5+ Ka8 46.Nd2=]

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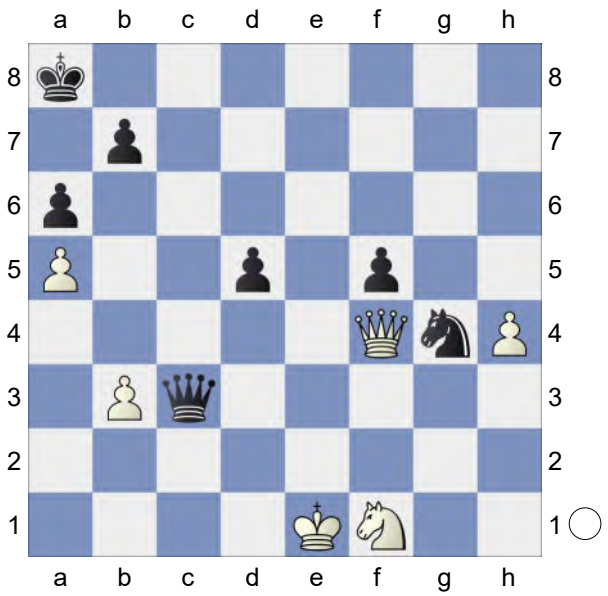
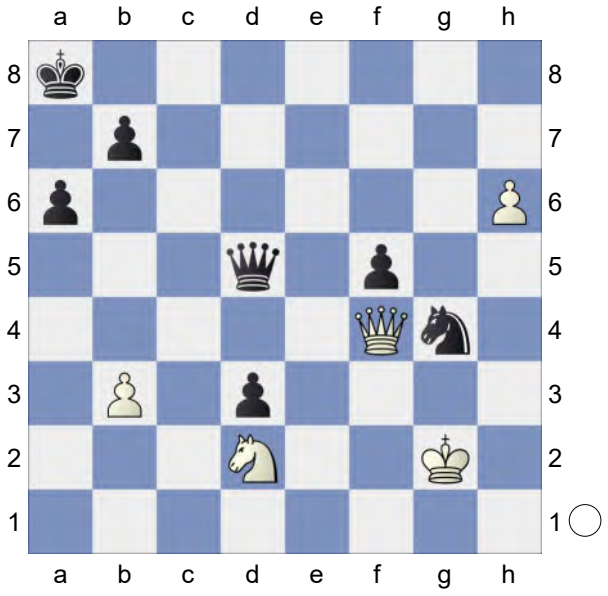
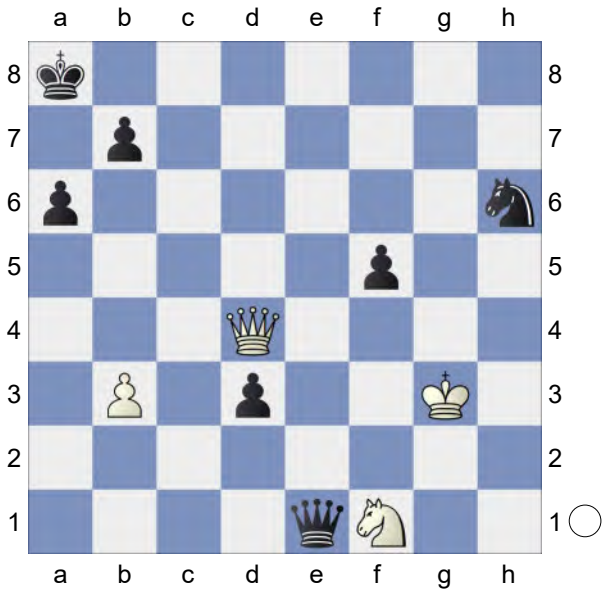


41.Nd2 -1.30/20
[Better is 41.Ke2∓ -0.33/20]
41...d4∓ Black has more active pieces.
[41...Qxa5?! 42.Qxf5 Qa1+ 43.Ke2=]
42.h5 d3
[42...Qxa5 43.Qxd4 f4 44.b4 Qxh5 45.Qxf4=]
43.Kf1 Qa1+
[43...Qxa5 44.Qd4=]
44.Kg2 Qxa5 45.h6 -2.37/21
[45.Kh3 -1.89/21 was worth a try.]
45...Qd5+-+



46.Kg3 Qg8 47.Kf3 -3.97/21
[⌓47.Qd4 -2.57/21]
47...Qe6 48.Nf1 Nxh6 Black is clearly winning.
[48...Qxb3 49.h7 d2+ 50.Kg2 Qd5+ *(50...d1N 51.h8Q+ Ka7 52.Qhb8+ Kb6 53.Qfc7+* Deflection *Kb5 54.Qbxb7+ Ka4 55.Qxa6+ Kb4 56.Qca5#)* 51.Kh3∓]
49.Qd4 -6.23/25
[⌓49.Qe3 -4.36/21 Qd5+ *(49...Qxb3? 50.Qe8+ Ka7 51.Qe3+ Qb6 52.Qxd3-+)* 50.Kf4]
49...Qe2+ 50.Kg3 Qe1+
[And not 50...Qxf1 51.Qd8+ Ka7 52.Qd4+ Kb8 *(52...b6 53.Qd7+ Kb8 54.Qd8+ Kb7 55.Qd7+ Kb8 56.Qd8+ Kb7 57.Qd7+ Kb8=)* 53.Qd8+ Ka7 54.Qd4+ b6 55.Qd7+ Kb8 56.Qd8+ Kb7 57.Qd7+ Kb8 58.Qd8+ Kb7 59.Qd7+ Kb8=]



51.Qf2

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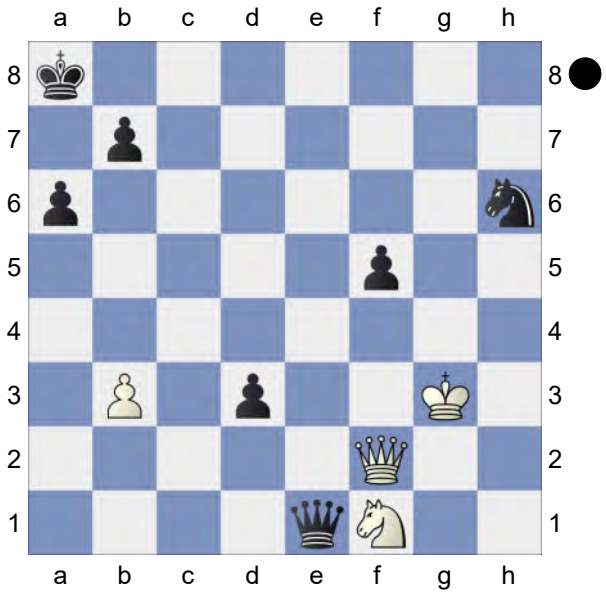
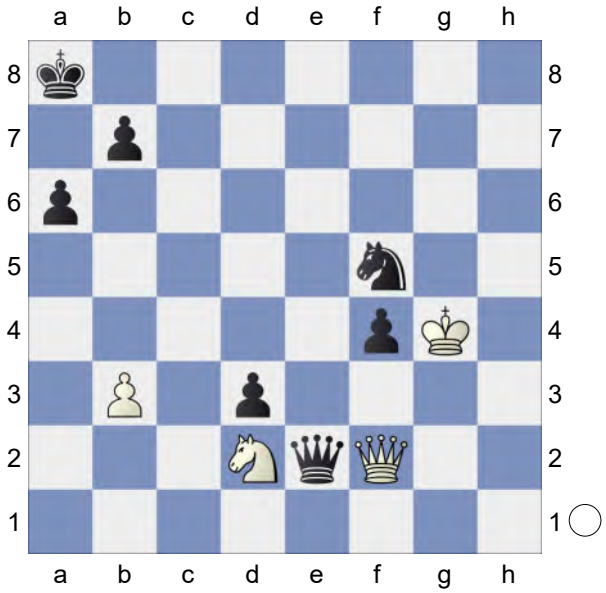


f4+! 52.Kf3 Qe5 53.Nd2 Nf5 54.Kg4 Qe2+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

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108 **B12**
□ **Polgar,Judit** **2686**
■ **Ragger,Markus** **2614**
12. ch-EUR Aix les Bains FRA (6)
[Cyrus Lakdawala]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.fxe4!? White's most ambitious try.

[Instead after 5.Bc4!? Nf6 6.a3?! *(* White begins with a bold Blackmar-Diemer pawn sac and then follows with a super passive move; he had to try *6.fxe4 e5!*) 6...Bf5 7.fxe4 *(* or *7.g4 Bg6 8.g5 Nd5 9.Nxe4 Nd7* and Black's position looks like a Caro-Kann, but I don't know what to say about White's random pawn moves!*)* 7...Nxe4 8.Nf3 Nd6 9.Bb3 Nd7 10.Qe2 Qa6 11.Qf2?! *(* he had to try his luck in the ending with *11.Qxa6*) 11...e6 12.Nh4 Be7 13.Nxf5 Nxf5 14.Ne4 Qb6! 15.Bd2 *(15.Be3 Ne5! 16.h3 Nd3+!* wins *)* 15...Qxd4 White found himself down several pawns for zero compensation in S. Kapnisis-J.Polgar, Greek Team Championship 2011.]

[Next game we examine the more cautious 5.Nxe4 .]

5...e5!

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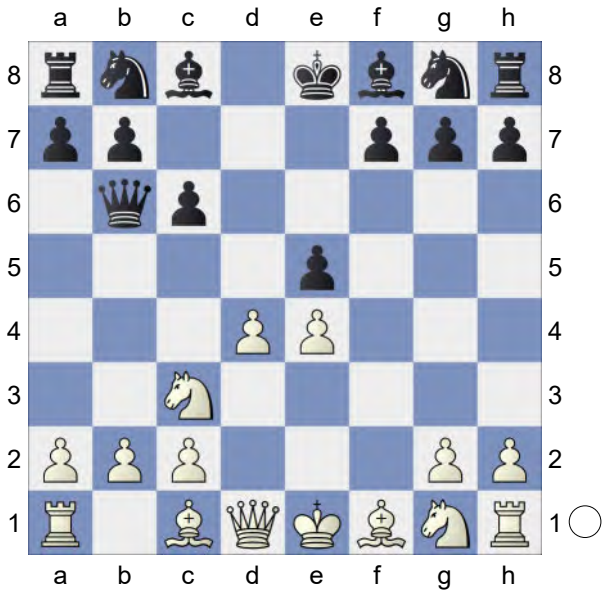

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6.dxe5?! This move goes against the spirit of the position. --- QUESTION: Why? --- ANSWER: White grabs material when she should be fighting furiously for the initiative. This move goes against the spirit of the position. QUESTION: Why? ANSWER: White grabs material when she should be

fighting furiously for the initiative.

[White should probably continue developing, in Veresov fashion with 6.Nf3! exd4 and now:

A) 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.e5 Ng4 9.e6 Bxe6 10.Bc4 Bxc4 11.Qxg4 with great complications in A. Polivanov-D.Yevseev, Voronezh 2011. Now Black should continue Na6! 12.Qe4+ *(12.Bg5!? Qxb2 13.Qe4+ Kd7 14.Qf5+!* is perpetual check*)* 12...Kd7! ...Re8 is the strong threat. 13.Qf5+ Be6!? 14.Nxe6 White threatens Nc5+ and mate. Re8! when Houdini claims it's equal, but I prefer Black whose king looks safer in this mess of a position.;

B) 7.Qxd4 (in principle, White should avoid an ending with his inferior pawn structure; still, he retains considerable piece activity and the move may be playable) Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Nf5 g6 *(9...Bxf5 10.exf5 Nf6* also looks equal. Prevents Ne4*)* 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.Nxe3 Be6 and the pressure is on White to do something quickly with his development lead. If Black is allowed to catch up he stands better due to his structural advantage, J.Benjamin-G. Kacheishvili, Internet 2009.;

C) 7.Qxd4= 0.18/19 and White stays safe. Nd7 8.Bg5;

D) 7.--? -2.52/19]

6...Be6 Simple chess. Black denies White Bc4;. Dodges Bc4

[and also avoids the complications stemming from Simple chess. Black denies White Bc4 and also avoids the complications stemming from 6...Bc5 0.64/20 6...Ne7 0.20 7.Bc4! *(7.Nf3?! Bf2+ 8.Ke2* Strongly threatening Na4. *Bc5* looks good for Black*)* 7...Bxg1 8.Qf3! when White got sufficient attacking chances for the piece in L. Christiansen-J.Benjamin, Internet 2010. Inhibits Qf2+.]

7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Bd3 -0.18/18 QUESTION: How does Black regain the e5-pawn? If ...Qc7, then Bf4. ---

[White falls seriously behind in development if she goes after the light-squared bishop with 8.Ng5!? 0-0-0 .]

[8.Ng5 0.21/21 feels stronger.]

ANSWER: **8...Ne7=** Plan: ...Ng6 and chop on e5. In this case White can't play the natural Bf4, namely due to that annoying black queen on b6, which watches over b2. **9.Qe2 Ng6 10.Bd2N** White manages to develop.

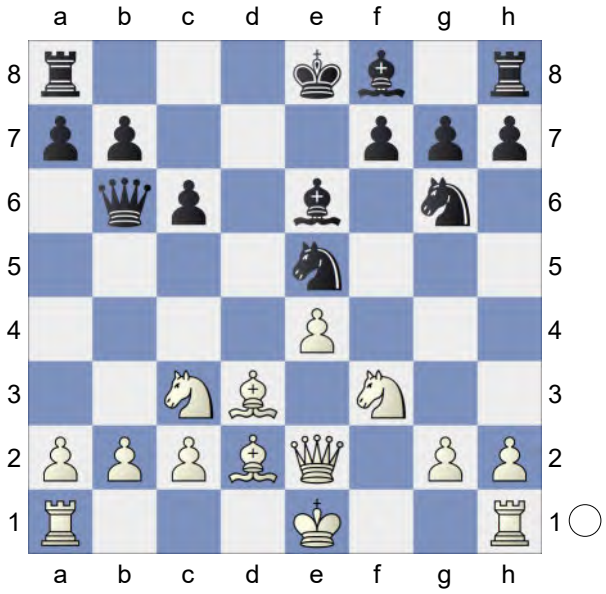
[10.Ng5 Ndxe5 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bc4 Nxc4 13.Qxc4 0-0-0 14.Ke2 Bd6 15.Be3 Nf4+ 16.Kf3 Qc7 17.g3 Ng6 18.Kg2 Kb8 19.Rad1 Rhe8 20.Rhf1 Qa5 21.Qa4 Qxa4 22.Nxa4 b6 23.b3 Ne5 24.Nc3 Bc7 1-0 (48) Sindarov,J (2661)-Keymer,V (2700) Astana Satty Zhuldyz Blitz 2023 (21)]

10...Ndxe5

[ANSWER: You may be right. Normally such a move would favour White since it activates the a1-rook, but in this instance White's pawns become weak in the line 10...Qxb2! 11.Rb1 Qa3 12.Rxb7 Bb4 -0.40/20 *(*Black should play *12...Ndxe5∓* -0.84/19 *13.Nd5 Bd6 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Nc7+ Bxc7 16.Rxc7 Qb2)* 13.Nd1 a5 when both a2 and e5 eventually fall.]

[10...Qxb2 simplifies 11.Rb1 Qa3 12.Bc4 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 Ngxe5

14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Qd4 Qc5]



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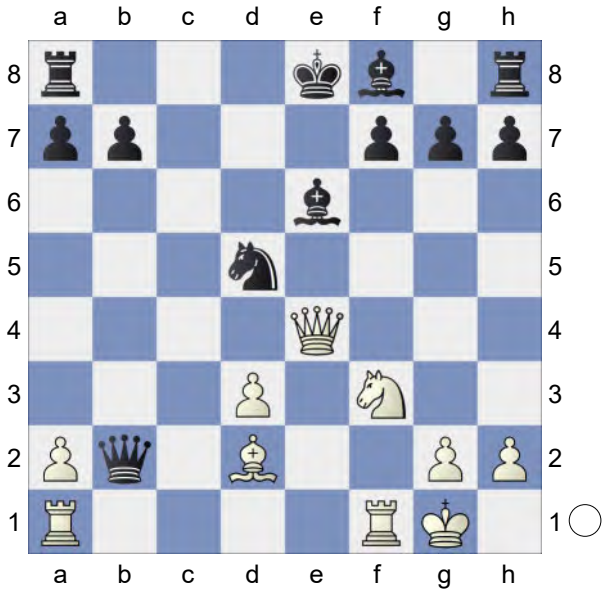
[11...cxd5 12.exd5 Qxb2 13.Bb5+ -2.51/20 *(⌓13.0-0* -1.83/20 *Nxf3+* Remove Defender *14.gxf3 Qd4+ 15.Kh1 Qxd5 16.Bb5+ Kd8 17.Ba5+ Kc8 18.Rfd1)* 13...Kd8-+ 14.0-0 gives White just the kind of mess she was looking for. Black's defence grows taut as a violin string and his king feels insecure for some time to come. Consolidation isn't going to be as easy as all the computers claim, especially with a formidable attacker like Judit Polgar at the helm.]

[11...cxd5 12.exd5 Qxb2 13.0-0 Bc5+ *(13...Bxd5 14.Bb5+ Kd8 15.c4∓; 13...Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Qd4+ 15.Kh1∓)* 14.Kh1 Bxd5 15.Rab1 Bxf3 *(15...Qxa2 16.Bb5+ Bc6 17.Nxe5∓)* 16.gxf3]

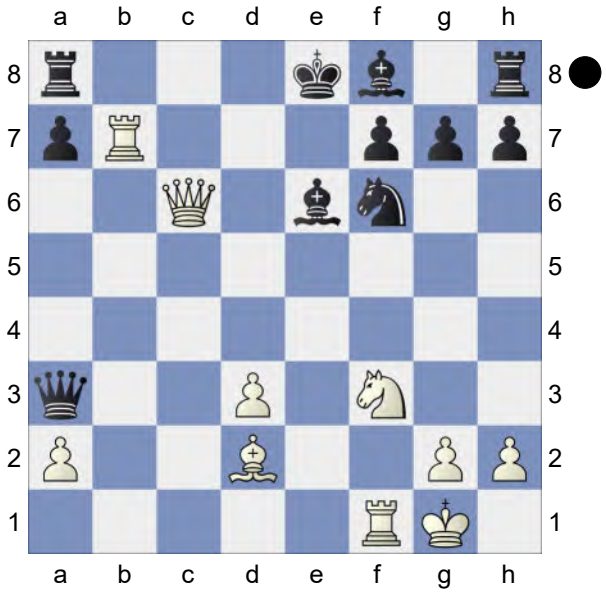
[11...Qxb2-+ -2.20/21 12.0-0 cxd5 13.exd5 Bc5+ *(13...Bxd5? 14.Bb5+ Bc6 15.Bxc6+ bxc6 16.Rab1-+; 13...Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Qd4+ 15.Kh1∓)* 14.Kh1 Bxd5]

12.cxd3∓ cxd5 13.exd5 Pin **13...Qxb2 14.0-0?** -3.53/21 EXERCISE (combination alert): This is the position both players evaluated when entering the line. White looks like she is about to regain her piece and retain a massive development lead. Prove that White's

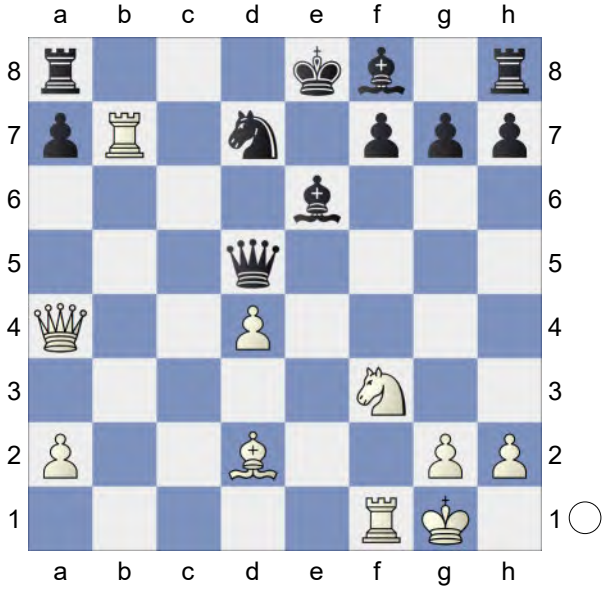
thesis is an illusion. ---
[Instead 14.Rd1 Nf4! 15.Bxf4 Qxe2+ 16.Kxe2 Bxd5 leaves Black up a pawn and with the bishop pair in the ending.]
[14.Rd1∓ -1.25/22 was worth a try. Nf4 15.Bxf4 Qxe2+ 16.Kxe2 Bxd5 17.Rhe1]
ANSWER: **14...Nf4!-+** White learns that if you stick your hand in a wasp's nest, it makes little difference which one stings you first. It would be very easy to miss such a move in the initial calculations. Black relies on the pinned bishop on d2.
15.Qe4 Nxd5



16.Rab1 Qa3 17.Rxb7 Nf6
[Perhaps Ragger feared the line 17...Qa6 18.Rxf7 Kxf7 19.Ng5+ Kg8! , but Black is up too much material and should consolidate. *(* However, *19...Ke7?* -0.01/23 19...Kg8 -3.19 *20.Rf7+! Ke8 21.Nxe6! Kxf7 22.Ng5+ Kf6 23.Qf3+ Ke5 24.Qe4+* is drawn by perpetual check. *)*]
[17...Qxa2? 18.Rxf7 Nf6 *(18...Bc5+? 19.d4+-)* 19.Rxf6 *(19.Qxa8+ Kxf7 20.Ne5+ Kg8=)* 19...gxf6 20.Qxa8+ Kf7 21.Ng5+ Kg6 22.Qe4+ f5 23.Qxe6++-]
18.Qc6+



Nd7! 19.d4 Intending d5, to pry open the e-file. Against Qc5
[Black's point is 19.Rxd7 runs into. Threatening mate with Rd6+. Qc5+ .]
19...Qd6
[19...Qxa2? 20.Rxd7+-]
20.Qa4 Qd5



Halting the d5 idea for now. **21.Rfb1**
[21.Rb5

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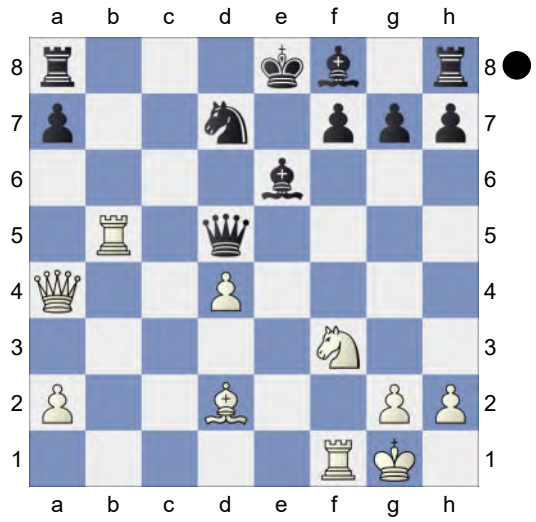


is met with Qc4! .]

21...Bd6 Threatens to win with ...0-0!

[21...Qxa2 22.Qxa2 *(22.Rb8+ Rxb8 23.Rxb8+ Ke7-+)* 22...Bxa2 23.Re1+ Kd8 24.Ne5∓]

22.Qa6 Be7! QUESTION: Why didn't Black simply castle here?

[ANSWER: Polgar's idea: 22...0-0? 23.R7b5! regaining a piece.]

[22...Qxa2? 23.Qxd6 Qd5 24.Rxd7 Qxd6 25.Rxd6+-]

[22...0-0 23.R7b5 Nc5 *(23...Qxa2 24.Qxd6 Bg4 25.R5b2∓)* 24.dxc5 Bxc5+ *(24...Qxa2? 25.Qxd6 Rad8 26.Qf4+-)* 25.Kh1-+]

23.R1b5 Qe4 24.Rxd7!? -5.13/25 EXERCISE (critical decision): White desperately hopes to keep the attack alive before Black castles. Which way should Black recapture? Factor in 25 Re5 if you decide to recapture with the bishop. --- ANSWER: EXERCISE (critical decision): White desperately hopes to keep the attack alive before Black castles. Which way should Black recapture? Factor in 25 Re5 if you decide to recapture with the bishop. ANSWER:

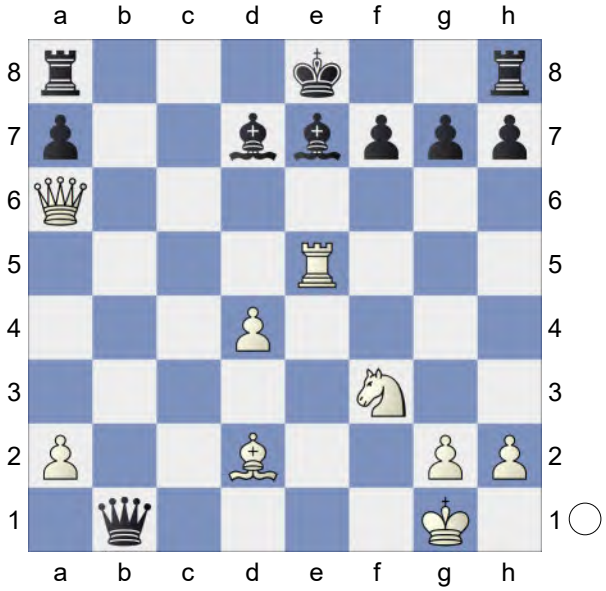
[⌓24.h3 -3.59/20]

24...Bxd7! A strong pair of Bishops.

[The queenside is inhospitable terrain: 24...Kxd7?! -1.94/21 24...Bxd7 -5.17 allows White's attack to flair up again after 25.Rb7+ Ke8 26.Qb5+ Kf8 27.Rxe7! when suddenly matters are not so clear.]

[24...Kxd7 25.Rb7+ Ke8 26.Qb5+ Kf8 27.Rxe7-+]

25.Re5 Qb1+



26.Kf2

[26.Re1 Qb6 27.Qd3 Be6 ends White's resistance.]

26...Qb6 27.Qe2

[Or 27.Qa3 Be6 28.Qa4+ Kf8 and the flame of White's attack gutters out.]

27...0-0!? QUESTION: Why on earth did Black just give up a piece rather than block on e6 with his bishop? --- ANSWER: This was a practical decision. All the animals have been fed and watered, and the farmer decides to go back to his house. Black, understandably, is sick and tired of defending. I had almost forgotten that it was still legal for Black to castle. QUESTION: Why on earth did Black just give up a piece rather than block on e6 with his bishop?

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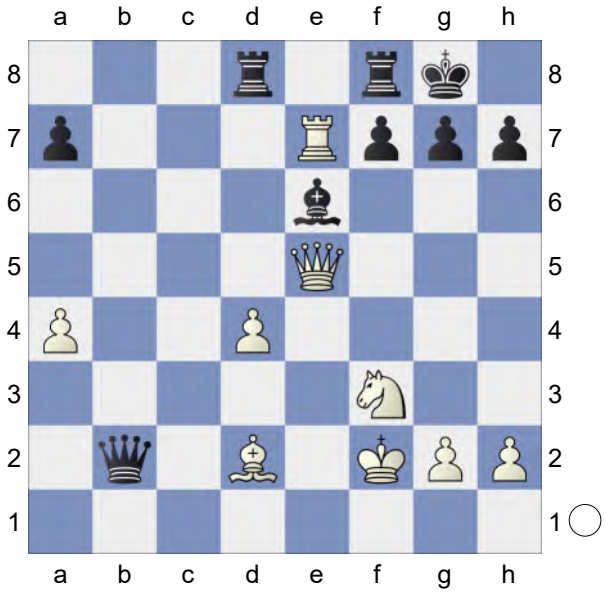
[28...Rfe8 reduces the material even further.]

29.Qe5 Rad8

[29...Bxa2 30.Ba5 Qb2+ 31.Qe2 Qxe2+ 32.Rxe2-+]

30.a4 Qb2



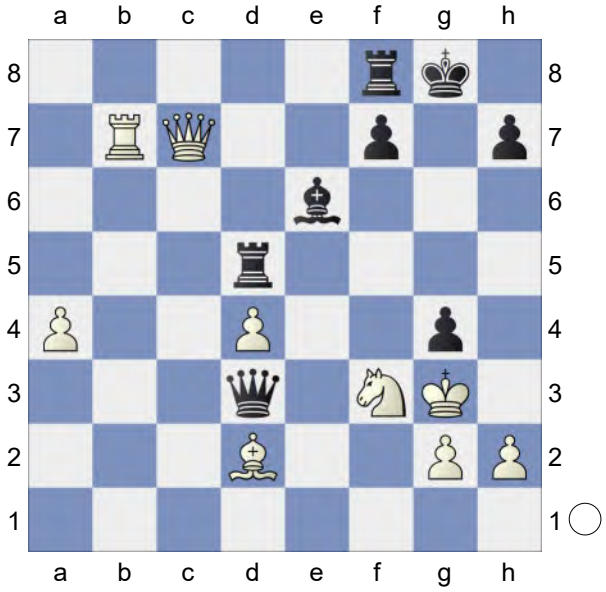
31.Kg3

[White loses the initiative after 31.Rxa7 Bd5 .]

31...Qb3 32.Rxa7? -4.75/19

[32.a5 -2.91/19]

32...Rd5 Black is clearly winning. **33.Qf4** EXERCISE (combination alert): Enough of defence. The time has arrived for Black to go on the offensive and also win more material. How? --- ANSWER: EXERCISE (combination alert): Enough of defence. The time has arrived for Black to go on the offensive and also win more material. How? ANSWER: **33...g5!** The double whammy. White's queen must move and ...g4 follows, winning the pinned knight. **34.Qc7 g4** Pin **35.Rb7 Qd3**



Behind the queen's veil, one senses the faintest hint of a smile. Pin **36.Rb8** EXERCISE (calculation): Can Black take the knight on f3 or will doing so endanger his king to mate or perpetual check? Don't guess. Work out the variation after 36...gxf3 37 Rxf8+. **36...gxf3!** Correctly calculated. He can take the knight. **37.Rxf8+ Kxf8 38.Bh6+ Ke8** ANSWER: Harsh, Darwinian environments breed pragmatic survivalists. Black's king is safe, despite appearances. (-> ...fxg2+)

[However, 38...Kg8?? #3/8 38...Ke8 -6.67 would be a monumental goof-up after 39.Qb8+ when White mates.]

39.Qc6+ Ke7

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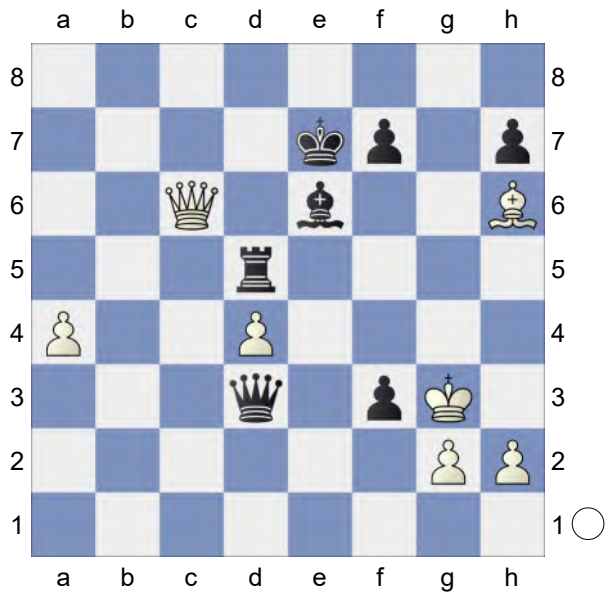

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Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.28 (precise)
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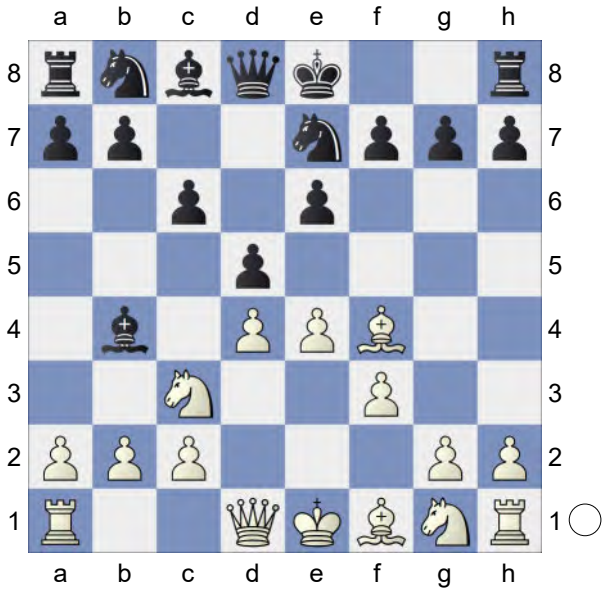
109 **B12**
□ **Li,Chao** **2634**
■ **Berkes,Ferenc** **2647**
Lake Sevan Martuni (7) 16.07.2009
[Erenburg,Sergey]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bf4 Ne7



6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.0-0-0 Nd7**
[For the immediate 9...c5 , look at Morozevich,A (2732)-Bologan,V (2665)/1-0/Sochi 2004/CBM 101/ [Lukacs] (28) 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Nd7 The Fantasy Variation-Shattered Dreams The Caro-Kann Starter Kit 2022]
[9...Ng6 would be dubious, since it invites White's h2-h4-h5 advance.]
[9...Bc4 10.g4 Nd7 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Re8 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bh4 b5 16.f4 Ng6 17.Bg3 f5 18.e5 Rf8 19.h3 Rb8 20.Rd3 Rf7 21.Nd1 Qb6 22.Qe1 Rbf8 23.Ne3 Ne7 24.Bh4 0-1 (108) Vazquez Granero,M (2400)-5. ♗e2 0-0 6.h3 (2419) AZE-ch qual Baku 1998 (6.2)]
10.Bg5N 0.04/16 White is trying to provoke black weaknesses on the kingside and prevents the ...c6-c5 strike.
[10.g4 -0.03/16 10.h4 0.34 c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 cxd4 0.95/21 *(13...Nc6=* 0.20/19 keeps the balance.*)* 14.Qxd4± e5 15.Bxe5 Nc6 16.Qxd5 Ndxe5 17.f4 Qxd5 18.exd5 Nxg4 19.Rg1 0.62/20 *(19.dxc6 Ne3* Prevents Nd5. *20.Nd5 Nxf1=; 19.dxc6±* 1.22/23 And now Rd6 would win. *Ne3 20.Nd5 Nxf1 21.Rxf1)* 19...Ne3 1.00/19 *(19...Nf6±* 0.62/20 *20.dxc6 Rfc8)* 20.Rd3 0.38/21 *(20.dxc6±* 1.00/19 *Nxd1 21.Rxd1)* 20...Nxd5!± 21.Nxd5 Rfd8=]
[10.a3 Bxc3 11.Nxc3 Bxf1 12.Rhxf1 b5∞ *(12...c5 13.Bd6 cxd4 14.Rxd4 e5 15.Rxd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Re8 17.Nc7 Nc5 18.Nxe8 Qxe8 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Qxc5 h5 21.Rd1 Qe6 22.Kb1 h4 23.Rd6 Qe7 24.Qd5 Re8 25.Rd7* 1-0 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 with 16. e (2402)-Camacho Dominguez,F (2391) 70/(541) Alushta 1997*)* 13.h4 Nb6 14.h5 a5 15.h6 g6 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bf4 Nc4 18.Qf2 b4 N,N-N,N]
[10.a3± 0.41/19 is more appropriate. Bxc3 11.Nxc3 Bxf1 12.Rhxf1]
10...Re8

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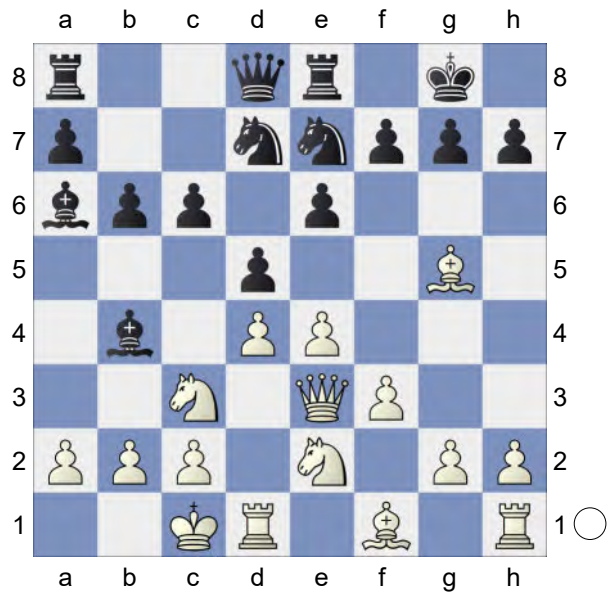

11.a3 Bxc3
[11...Bd6 is too risky: 12.e5 Bc7 13.Ng3 Bxf1 14.Rhxf1 h6? Dodges f4 15.Bxh6 gxh6 1.44/20 *(*Better is *15...f6±* 0.65/19 *)* 16.Qxh6]
12.Qxc3
[After 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 b5 Black seems to be fine.]
12...Qc7
[Black is still not completely ready to open up the game: 12...c5 13.exd5 Bxe2 14.Bxe2 dxe6 is the strong threat. Nxd5 15.Qd2 Qc7 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bc4± Prevents Nb3+.]
13.Ng3 Bxf1 14.Rhxf1 f6 15.Be3 c5

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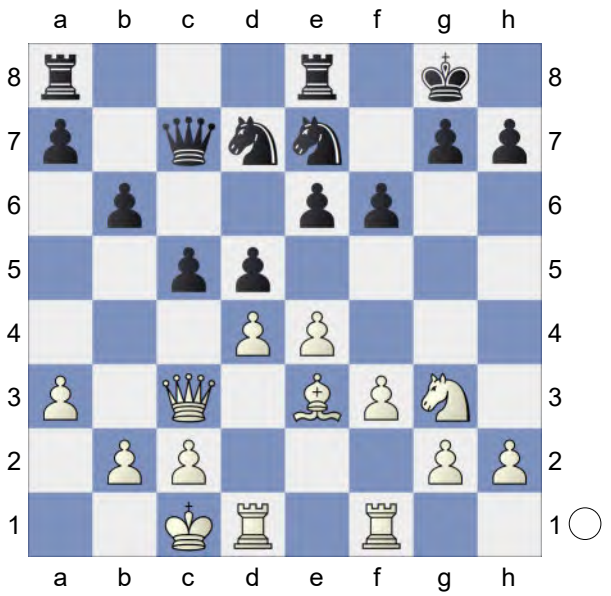

It seems that Black has solved his opening problems, and we can state that White's idea which started with ♗g5 has failed.
16.Nh5 Rac8K 17.Rfe1 -0.75/21
[17.Bg1!= -0.10/18]
17...Kh8 -0.19/19
[17...Qxh2 18.Rh1 *(18.Nf4* -1.92/20 18.Rh1 -0.64 *cxd4 19.Qxd4 e5)* 18...Qc7 *(18...Qd6 19.Kb1)* 19.Nf4 Qd6 White must now prevent ...cxd4. 20.exd5 -1.93/20 *(20.Ne2∓* -0.73/18 *)* 20...cxd4!-+ 21.Qd3 g6 -0.44/21 *(21...h6∓* -1.31/21 *22.dxe6 Nc5)* 22.dxe6∓ Nc5! 23.Qc4! Qe5 24.Bd2! Ne4!∓]
[17...Qxh2∓ -0.75/21 18.Rh1 Qd6 *(18...Qxg2 19.Rdg1±; 18...cxd4 19.Qxc8 Rxc8 20.Rxh2=)*]
18.Bg1 a5 19.Re2 Qb7 20.Qe1 cxd4
[20...dxe4 is interesting. 21.Rxe4 cxd4 22.Bxd4 Qc6]

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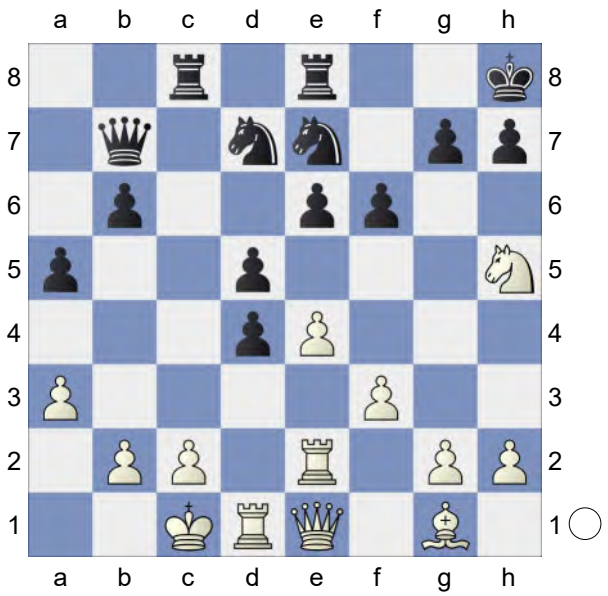
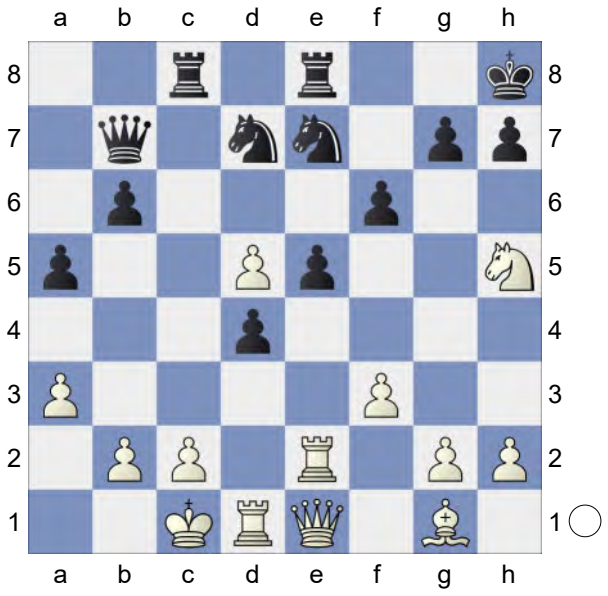
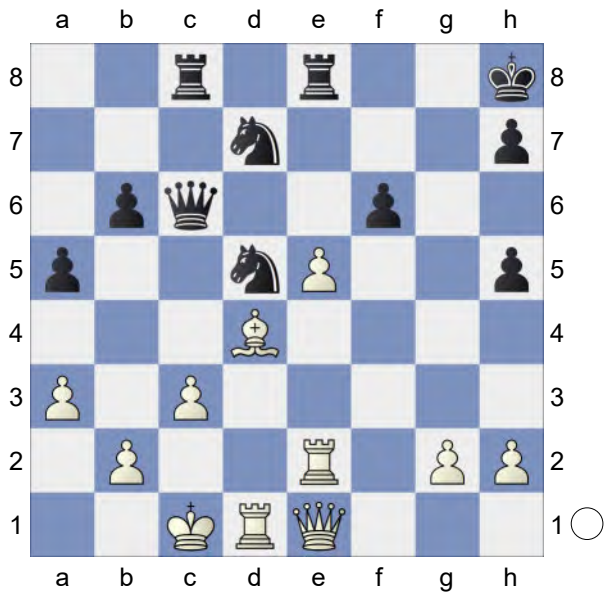


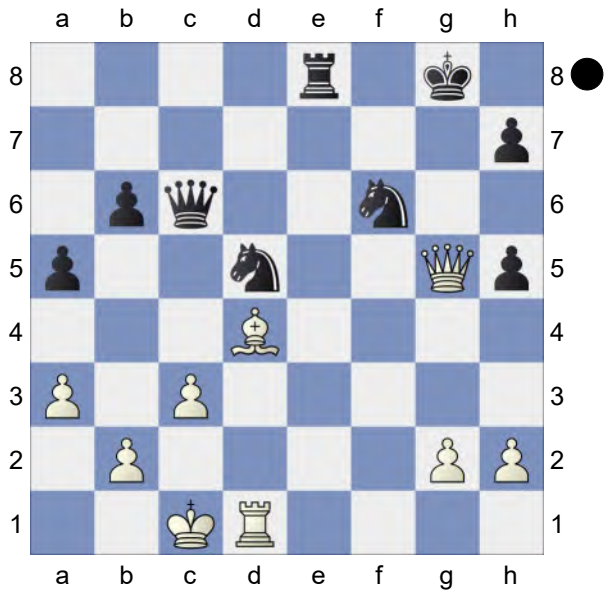
21.exd5 -0.58/20
[21.Bxd4= -0.02/21 dxe4 *(21...e5 22.exd5 Nxd5 23.Bg1±)* 22.fxe4]
21...e5 0.29/19
[Black should try 21...Qxd5∓ -0.58/20 22.Rxd4 Qb5]



22.Bxd4!= Nxd5∓ /=
[22...Qxd5 23.Bg1]
23.f4 Qc6 24.c3 g6
[24...Nxf4 25.Nxf4 Nf8 26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 fxe5 28.Qxe5+-]
25.fxe5 gxh5



26.exf6! N7xf6 Threatening ...Kg8.
27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Qh4 -0.88/22
[28.Qg3!= 0.01/23 Ne7 29.Qe5]
28...Kg8!∓ 29.Qg5+=



Kf7! 30.Rf1 Re4 0.01/24
[30...Re6∓ -0.73/20 31.Qxh5+ Ke7]

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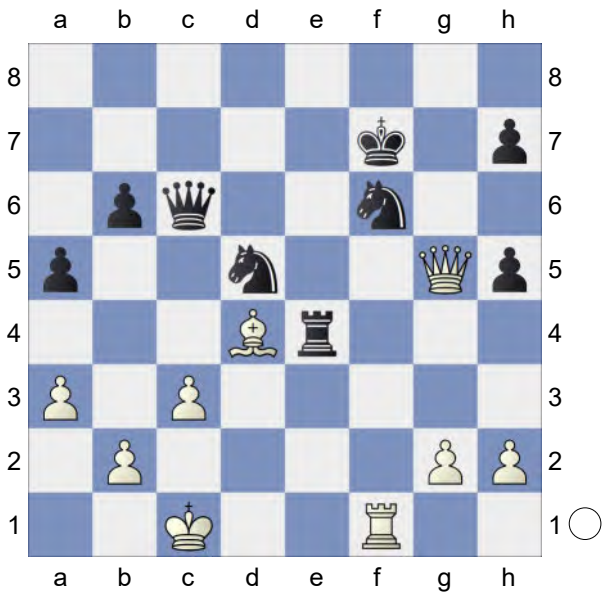
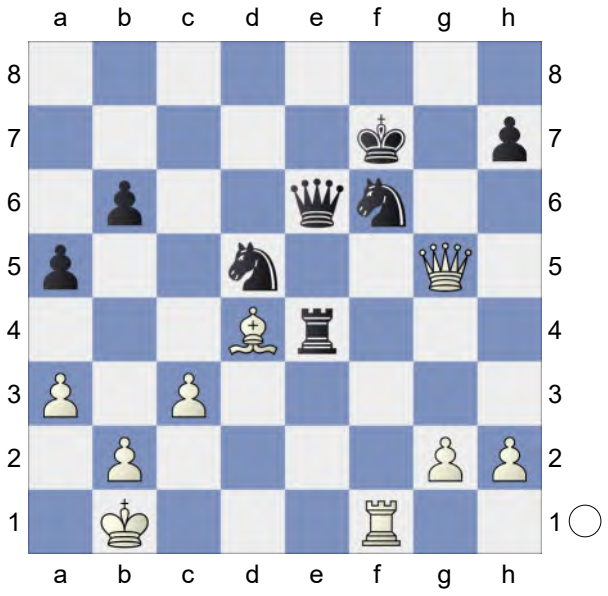
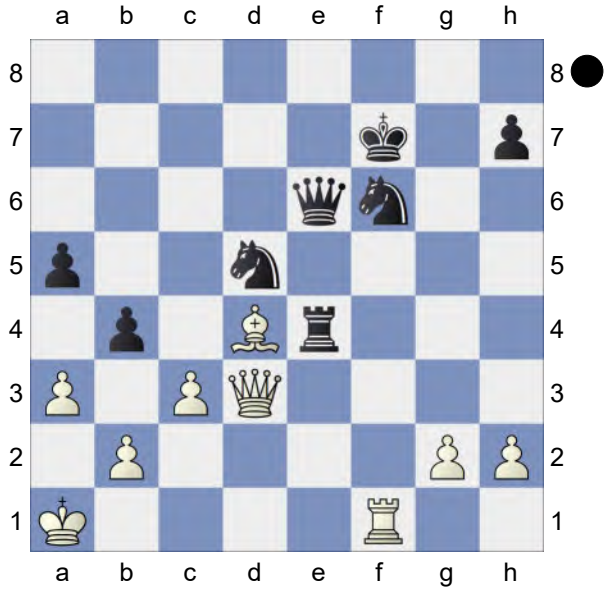


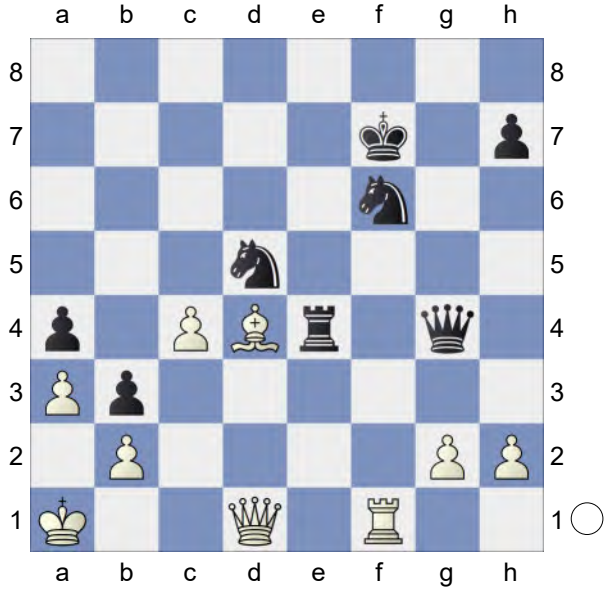
31.Qxh5+ Kg8 32.Qg5+ Kf7 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qg5+ Kf7 35.Kb1 -0.94/19
[35.Bxf6= -0.01/23 Nxf6 36.Qh5+ Kg7 37.Qg5+ Kf7 38.Qh5+ Kg8 39.Qg5+ Kf7]
35...Qe6∓



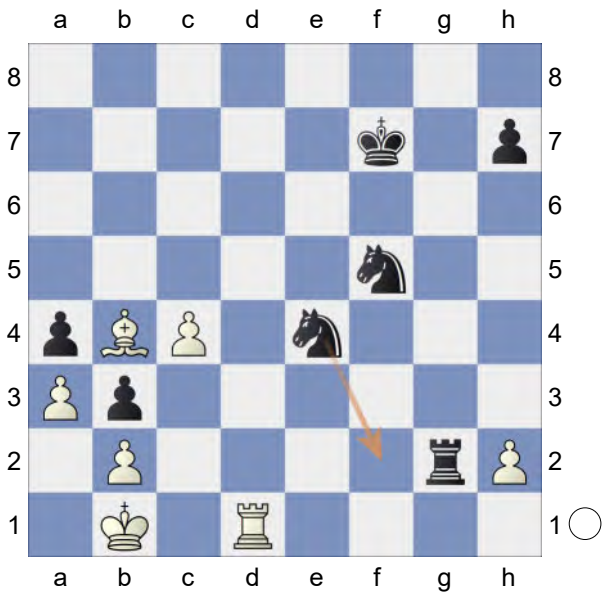
36.Qg3 -1.72/21 Against Re1+
[36.Qh5+∓ -0.93/20 is a better defense. Ke7 37.Qg5]
36...b5 -1.02/21
[36...Rg4-+ -1.72/21 37.Qd3 Qe4 *(37...Rxg2 38.c4±)* 38.Qxe4 Rxe4]
37.Ka1 -1.86/21
[37.Qd3∓ -1.02/21]
37...b4-+ 38.Qd3 -2.58/22
[38.Bxf6 -1.84/20 was worth a try. Nxf6 39.Qc7+ Kg6 40.Qg3+ Rg4 41.Qd3+ Kg7 42.cxb4 axb4 43.h3 Rxg2 44.axb4]



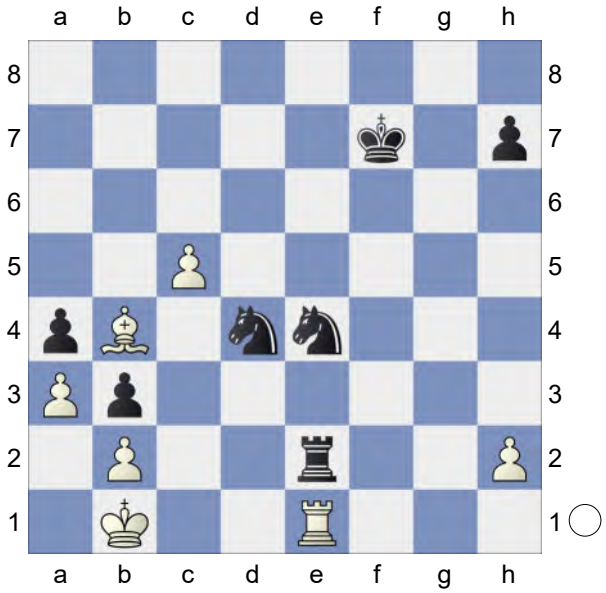
38...b3! 39.Qd1 a4 40.c4? -4.21/23
[40.Qd2 -2.07/18 was necessary.]
40...Qg4



41.Qxg4 Rxg4 42.Rd1 Ne7 43.Kb1 Nf5 Black is clearly winning. **44.Bc3 Ne4** Hoping for ...Nxc3+. **45.Bb4 Rxg2**



46.c5 Nd4 Deflection, Back Rank
47.Re1 Re2



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110 **B12**
□ **Perunovic,Milos** **2631**
■ **Lajthajm,Borko** **2539**
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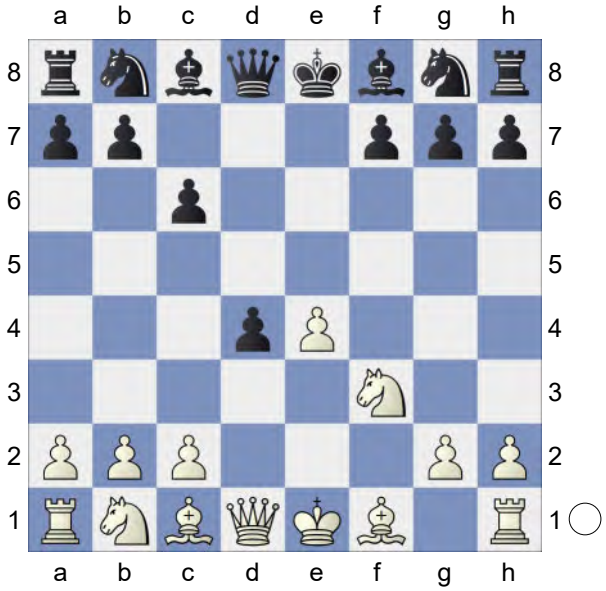
[Tom Rendle]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Mueller,Karsten: 'The following "fantasy-trap" occurs very often.'Mueller,Karsten: 'Die folgende "Fantasy-Falle" kommt recht häufig vor:' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4**

[3...Qb6 4.a4 e5 5.dxe5 a5! is currently the line that looks safest for Black here, and I covered it last year in Bauer-Ragger.]

4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4?!

[5...Bg4 is critical, see Pruess-Fridman.]



This has been considered dubious (on ChessPub at least) for almost 20 years! Here we get to see an instructive example of why. **6.Bc4 Be7**

[worse is 6...Bb4+?! 7.c3

A) 7...Ba5 8.b4 *(8.Ng5!? Nh6 9.0-0* also looks very dangerous*)* 8...Bb6 9.cxd4 and White regains the pawn with excellent prospects;

B) 7...dxc3?! 8.Bxf7+!

B1) 8...Kxf7? loses in pretty fashion after 9.Qxd8 cxb2+ 10.Kd1 *(10.Ke2 bxa1Q 11.Ng5+ Kg6 12.Qe8+* 1-0 Ivanov,V (2411)-Bataev,E (2227) Chigorin mem 1999 (8)*)* 10...bxa1Q 11.Ng5+ Kg6 12.Qe8+ Kh6 13.Ne6+ Bd2 14.Bxd2+ g5 15.Bxg5#;

B2) 8...Ke7 9.Qb3! cxb2+ 10.Qxb4+ Kxf7 11.Bxb2 and Black is in a lot of trouble - White has far too strong an attack and the extra pawn isn't going to help Black much since his king is wide open.]

[6...Nf6 7.0-0 Bc5 8.Ng5 0-0 9.Bxf7+ Rxf7 10.Nxf7 Qe7 11.e5 Qxf7 12.exf6 Be6 13.b4 Bb6 14.fxg7 Qxg7 15.Qe1 Qg6 16.Nd2 Maroczy-NN Caro-Kann - Maroczy Gambit 2023]

7.0-0 White has compensation. **7...Qa5N** 0.79/18 A new try for Black but not one that improves his chances at all - somehow I doubt this was preparation from Lajthajm. Repels Ne5

[7...Nf6 is probably Black's best here but White is still better after 8.Ng5 0-0

A) 9.e5!? Nd5 10.Qh5 Bxg5 11.Bxg5 Qd7 12.Bd3?! gave White a dangerous attack in Lindberg-Celander from the archives in 2000, but Black can actually defend OK from here with *(12.Bd3!? h6□ 13.Bf5 Qxf5 14.Rxf5 Bxf5 15.Bd2∓)* 12...h6 13.Bxh6 Qg4! 14.Qxg4 Bxg4 15.Bf4 Nd7 and Black is even slightly better;

B) 9.Nxf7! Rxf7 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7

11.e5]
[7...Nf6= 0.18/20]
[7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Nxd4 Qd6 *(9...Bc5 10.Qh5+* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 Sidelines: 4...e5 /*)* 10.Bf4 Qd7 11.Qh5+ g6 12.Qe5 Bf6 13.Qxe6+ Qxe6 14.Nxe6 Bxb2 15.Nc7+ Kd7 16.Rd1+ Kc8 17.Nxa8 Na6 18.Nd2 Bxa1 19.Nc4 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 Sidelines: 4...e5 /]

8.e5! Now the knight on g8 has no good squares - it's hard to recommend this position for Black and Perunovic quickly puts his opponent to the sword.
[8.Qxd4? Bc5 9.Bxf7+ Ke7-+ *(9...Kf8? 10.Be6∓)*]

8...Nd7 1.32/19
[⌓8...Qc5 0.80/16]

9.Nbd2±
[9.Qxd4? Bc5 10.Bxf7+ Ke7-+ *(10...Kf8? 11.Bc4-+)*]

9...Nh6 White is clearly better.
[Black could try 9...f6 but after 10.Nb3! Qb6 11.exf6 Ngxf6 12.Re1 the Black king is caught out in no man's land in the centre of the board - White has almost a winning attack already.]

10.Ne4
[10.e6 fxe6 11.Nb3! was even stronger, for example Qb6 12.Nfxd4
A) 12...e5? 4.10/21 12...Nf6 0.98 loses to 13.Qh5+ Kd8 14.Be3 1.94/22 *(14.Bd2!* with the threat of Ba5 is even more accurate; *⌓14.Bd2!* 3.52/24 *)* 14...exd4+- 15.Nxd4! Nf6 16.Ne6+ Bxe6 17.Bxb6+ axb6

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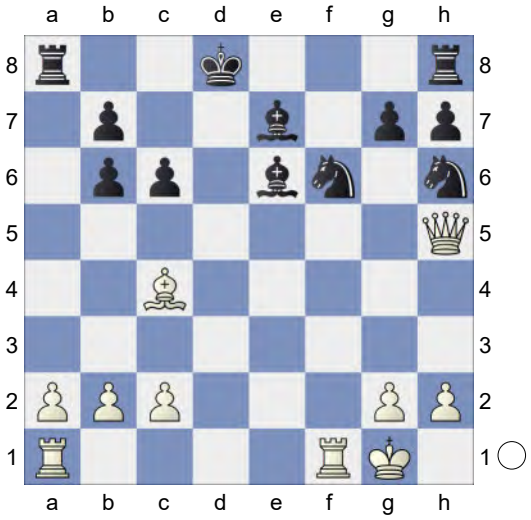

18.Rxf6! Bg4 19.Rd6+! Bxd6 20.Qg5+ Kc8 ...Re8 is the strong threat. 21.Qxg7 Re8 aiming for ... Bf8. 22.Qxh6 and Black doesn't have enough for the queen;
B) 12...Nf6 Against Qh5+ 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Qe2! Threatens to win with Kh1! 0-0 15.Kh1 and White will regain the pawn with a massive advantage]
[10.Nxd4 Nxe5 11.N2b3 Qc7 12.Bxh6 gxh6∓]

10...Nxe5?!
[10...Nf5 gives Black at least some hope but if White finds 11.Bxf7+! Kxf7 12.Nxd4 then Black's king is caught in a big attack. The best chance is Nxe5 13.Nxf5 Bxf5 14.Rxf5+ Ke6 15.Rf1 Qh5 would now be deadly. Rhf8 and Black is surviving, for the time being at least.]

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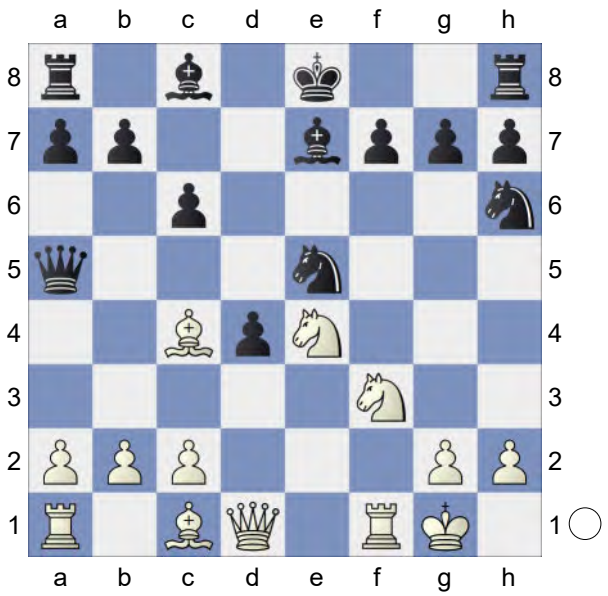

11.Bd2
[11.Qxd4 Nxf3+ 12.Rxf3 Nf5∓]
11...Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3
[12.Rxf3 Qe5 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Bxf7+ Kd8∓]
12...Qf5 13.Qd3 Of course Perunovic has no interest in swapping queens - Black has to hope for a blunder from White at this point but instead his opponent finishes the game in ruthless fashion. White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **13...Qg6**
[13...Qe5 2.37/21 13...Qg6 1.53 14.Rae1 is hopeless for Black]
14.Bxh6! Deflection
[Worse is 14.Qxd4 0-0∓]
14...Qxh6? 4.84/22
[14...0-0± 1.54/21 is a better chance.]
15.Bxf7++-
[Less strong is 15.Rxf7 Qe3+ 16.Qxe3 dxe3±]
15...Kd8

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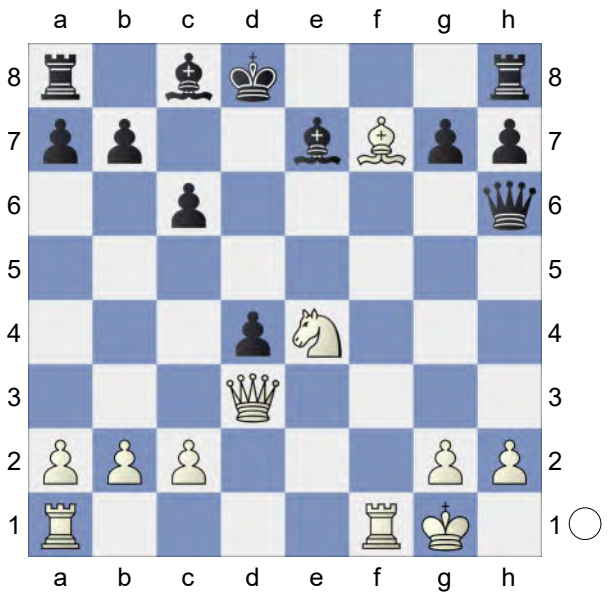
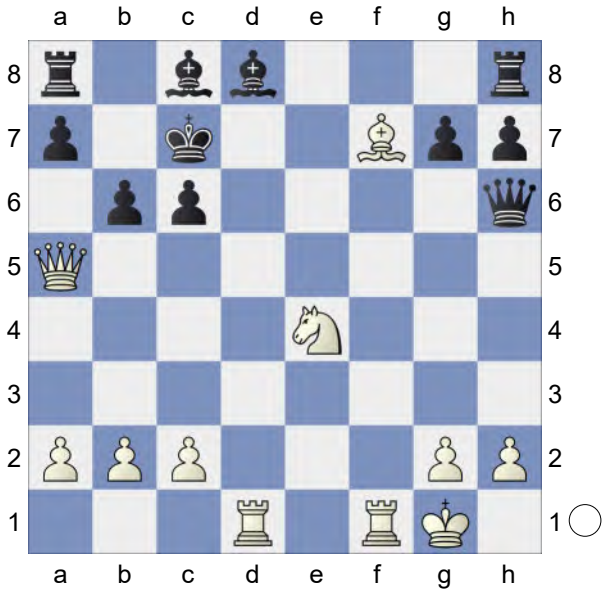
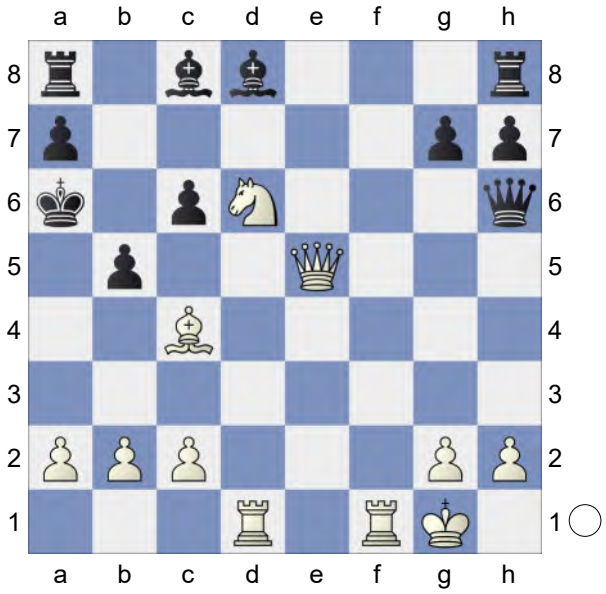


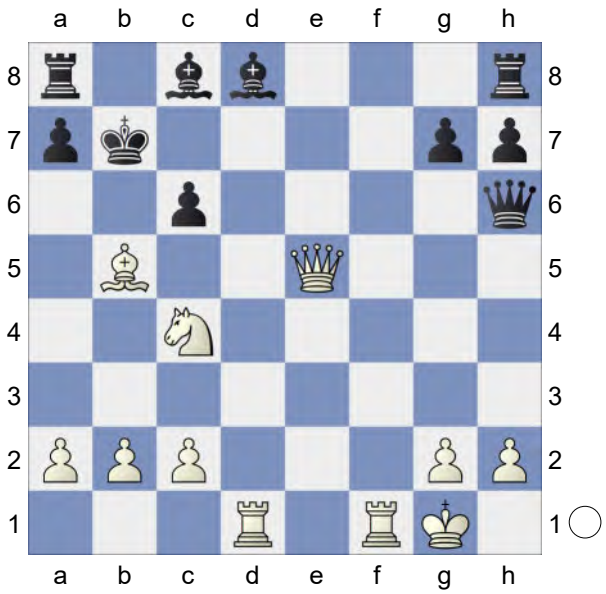
16.Qxd4+ Kc7 17.Rad1 There's no defence to Qe5+ **17...Bd8** 12.94/24 Black is weak on the light squares
[⌓17...Be6 4.70/21 18.Qe5+ Kb6 19.Qxe6 Qxe6 20.Bxe6 Rhe8]
18.Qe5+ Perunovic ends the game with a long forcing line but with Black having no alternatives it's fairly easy to calculate. **18...Kb6 19.Qc5+ Kc7**
[or 19...Ka6 20.Rd6 White threatens Bc4+ and mate. Qh4 21.Bc4+ b5 22.Qxb5#]
20.Qa5+ Skewer **20...b6**



21.Qe5+ Kb7 22.Nd6+ Ka6 23.Bc4+ b5



24.Bxb5+! Double Attack. White mates.
24...Kb6 25.Nc4+ Kb7



26.Rf7+

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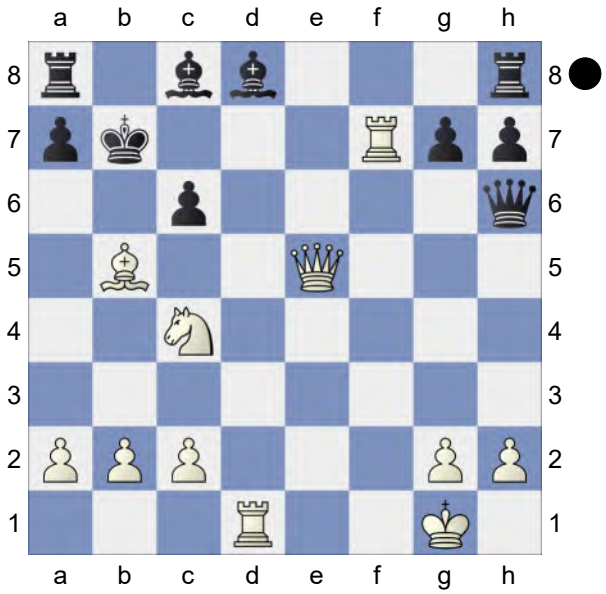
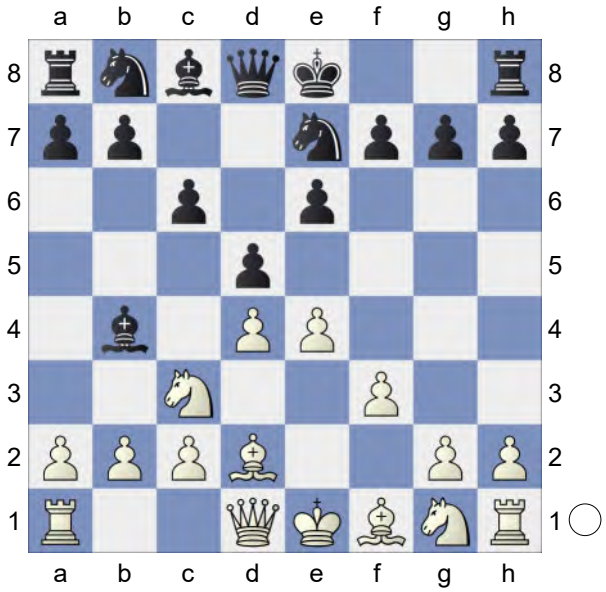


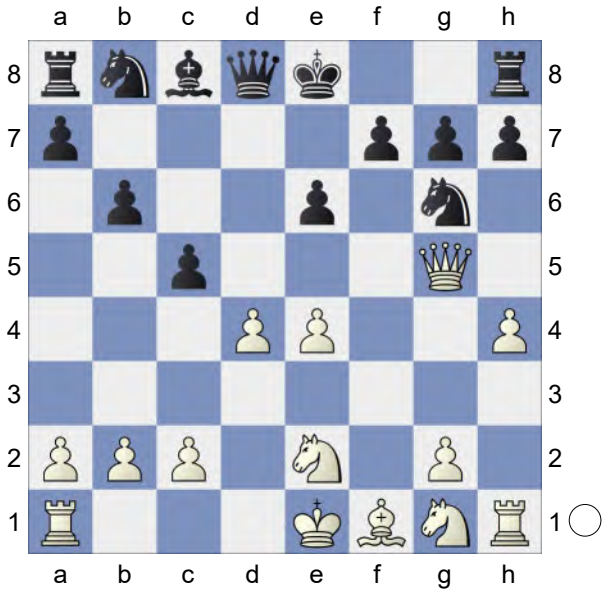
A fine game from Perunovic and one that underlines why Black shouldn't go for 5...exd4. White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.72
1-0

111 **B12**
□ **Malek,Jan** **2434**
■ **Haba,Petr** **2433**
Czech Extraliga 2023-2024 (3) 16.12.23
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7
[5...b6 6.Nh3 e5 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 dxe4 9.fxe4 exd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne7 12.Ng5 Nd7 13.Ngf3 Nc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.e5 Bg4 16.Be2 Ne6 17.h3 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Be6 19.Ng5 Nf5 20.Nxe6 (21) Timofeev,A (2655)-Hera,I (2574) 108/(195) Rijeka 2010]
[5...dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Be3 Qb6 8.f4 Qxb2 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Ngf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 _-_ 6.♗d2 c5_52375 (2540)-Jovanovic,A (2277) Karen Asrian Mem rapid 2008 (5.6)]



6.Nce2N
[6.a3 Ba5 7.Bd3
A) 7...Nd7 8.f4 Bb6 *(8...c5 9.e5 a6 10.b4 cxb4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.axb4 Nc6 13.bxa5 Nxd4 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 b6 16.0-0 0-0 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxb6+ 19.Qf2* 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:*)* 9.Nf3 c5 10.Nb5 0-0 11.e5 h6 12.c3 a6 13.Nd6 Bc7 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:;
B) 7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Qxd4 10.0-0-0 29) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 ML:]
6...Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 b6 8.h4 White has an edge. **8...dxe4 9.fxe4 c5 10.Qg5 Ng6** 0.88/20
[10...0-0± 0.32/19]



11.Qxd8+±
[11.dxc5 Qxg5 12.hxg5 bxc5±]
11...Kxd8 12.h5 Nf8 13.d5 exd5 14.exd5 h6 15.Nf3 Nh7

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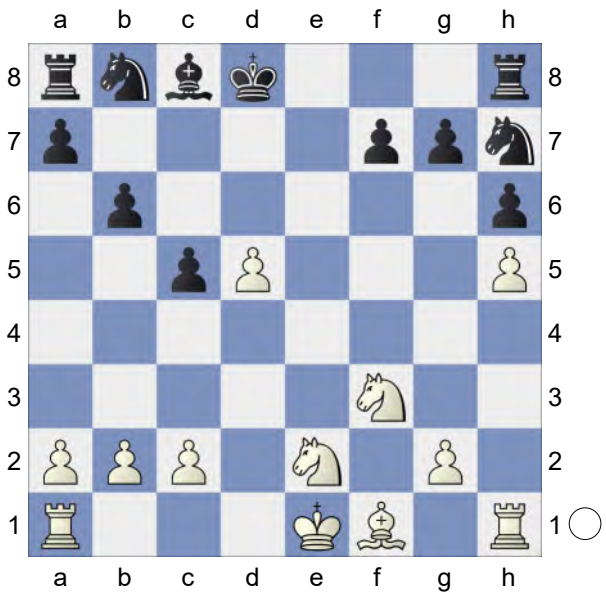
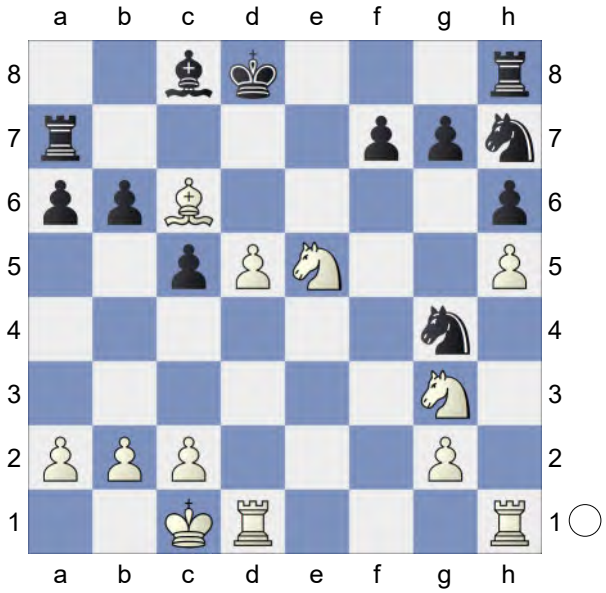
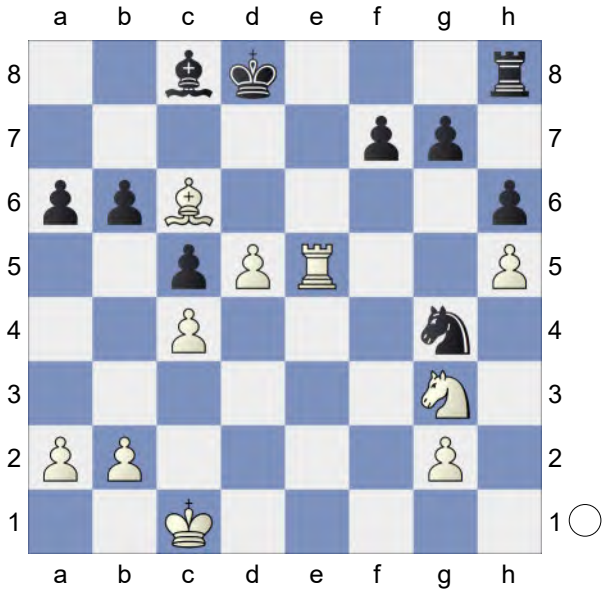


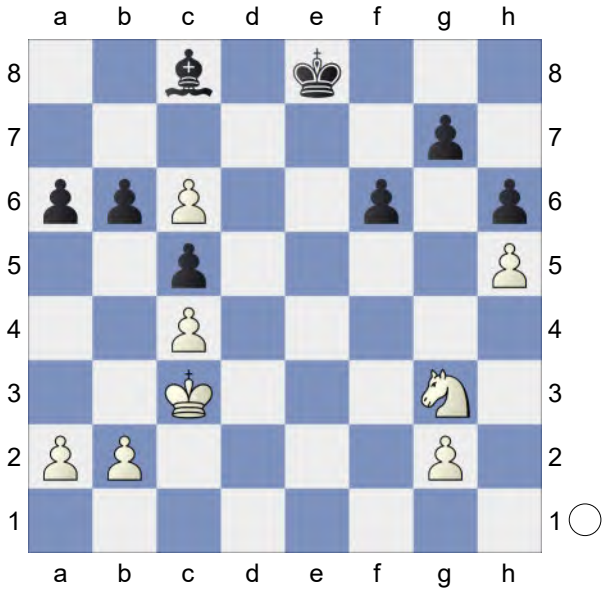
16.0-0-0
[16.Ne5?! Ng5=]
16...Nd7 1.21/19
[16...Re8± 0.67/20]
17.Ng3 Ndf6 1.83/21
[17...Nhf6± 1.21/19]
18.Bb5 1.07/22
[18.Ne5+- 1.83/21 Ng5 19.Bb5]
18...a6 1.64/21
[18...Ng4± 1.07/22]
19.Bc6 Ra7 20.Ne5 1.06/21
[⌓20.Rhe1 1.44/19]
20...Ng4



21.Rhe1 White is much more active.
21...Nxe5 22.Rxe5 Nf6 23.c4 0.21/20
[23.Rde1± 0.88/19]
23...Re7= 24.Rde1 Rxe5 25.Rxe5 Ng4

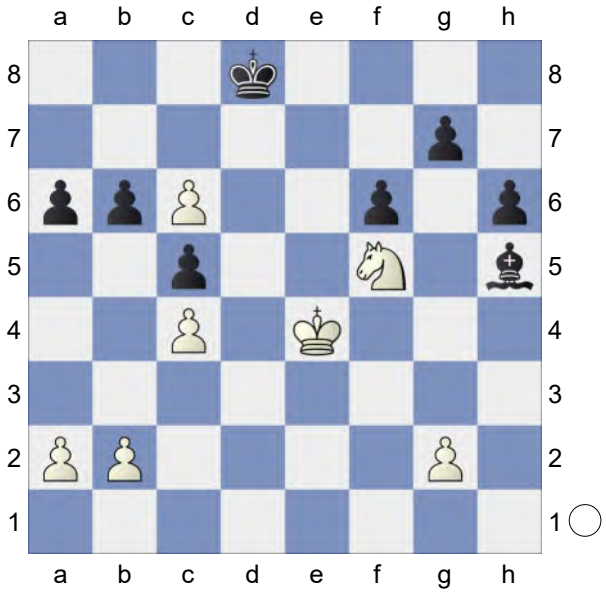


26.Re1 f6 27.Kd2 Ne5 28.Kc3 Nxc6 29.dxc6 Re8 0.78/27
[29...Rg8∓ -0.31/23 keeps the upper hand.]
30.Rxe8+± Kxe8

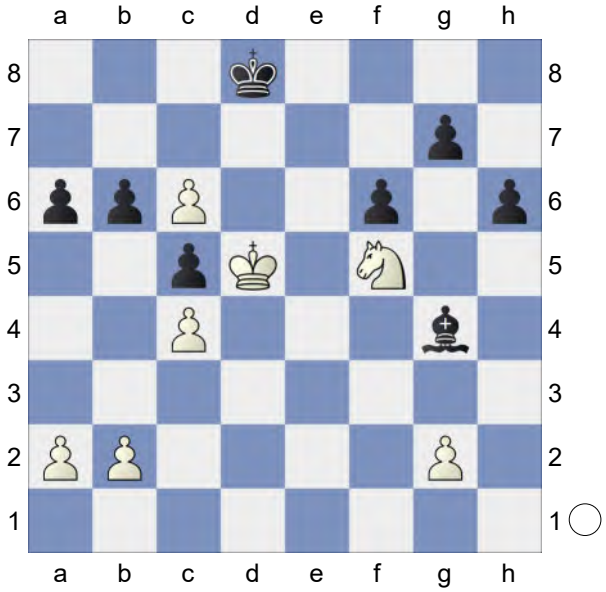


Endgame. KB-KN **31.Kd3! Bg4 32.Ke4 Kd8 33.Nf5** 0.01/21
[33.Kf4± 0.89/25 Be6 34.Nf5 Bxc4 35.Nxg7 Bxa2 36.g3]

33...Bxh5=
[33...Kc7?! 34.Nxg7 Kxc6 35.Kf4+-]

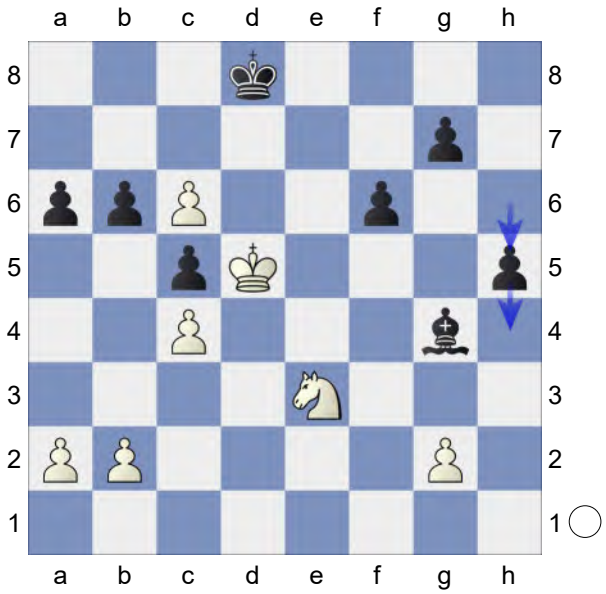


34.Kd5!
[34.Nxg7 Bf7∓]
34...Bg4? 4.44/24
[34...Bf7+? 35.Kd6+-]
[34...Bg6± 1.04/25 35.Nxg7 Ke7 *(35...Bf7+? 36.Kd6+-)*]

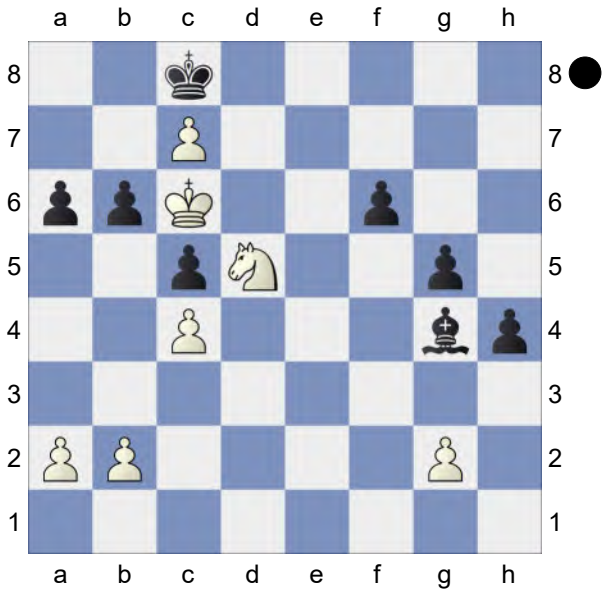


This move loses the game for Black.
35.Ne3!+-
[35.Nxg7 Ke7±]

35...h5



Threatens to win with ...Kc7. **36.Kd6 g5?** 8.56/28
[36...b5 3.63/23 37.Nd5 *(37.Kxc5 bxc4 38.Kd6 Kc8+-; 37.Nxg4? hxg4 38.Kxc5 f5-+)* 37...h4]
37.Nd5 White is clearly winning. **37...h4 38.c7+ Kc8 39.Kc6**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

112 **B12**
□ **Gazik,Viktor** **2541**
■ **Blohberger,Felix** **2467**
Banicky Kahanec GM 09.10.2020
[Daniel Fernandez]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Qb6
As recommended in my book, but let me digress and discuss another line for a bit.

[4...Bb4

A) 5.Bd2 seems to be the engine's top choice, however I don't think Black has anything to fear, for instance Ne7 *(or 5...dxe4!? 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Qe2 Nf6)*;

B) 5.Bf4 is most popular, although Black is more than fine in the variation Ne7 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 0-0 9.0-0-0 c5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Nd7_;

C) 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 dxe4 7.Qe2 would have potential as a dangerous pawn sacrifice if not for the concrete reply c5! *(7...exf3?! 8.Nxf3 Nf6 9.Qe3 Nd5 10.Qf2 Nxc3 11.Bd3* scores extremely well for White.*)* 8.Qe3 *(8.Qxe4* seems wrong from a structural point of view. There's also a concrete problem in that after *Nf6 9.Qh4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.c3 e5!* White's lag in development leaves the king vulnerable.*)* 8...Nc6 9.dxc5 Qh4+! It's worth wasting a tempo to weaken White's kingside. 10.g3 Qd8 11.fxe4 Nf6∓;

D) 5.Nge2 There is no downside to this move now that Black has almost committed to not playing a ... Nf6-d7 manoeuvre.

D1) Better is 5...Ne7 where the most interesting continuation seems to be 6.a3 Ba5 7.h4!? Simply aiming to get the pawn to h6! Nevertheless, Black has a principled response that keeps his position in good shape: dxe4 8.fxe4 e5! 9.h5 Bg4 10.h6 gxh6 11.Bxh6 *(11.Rxh6?! Bxe2!∓; 11.Be3 Nd7* and if *12.Rxh6 Ng8!* followed by Ngf6 is better for Black.*)* 11...exd4 12.Bg7 *(*On *12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Rg8* Black is far from worse. *)* 12...Rg8 13.Bxd4 Nd7_ I would happily take Black here.;

D2) 5...dxe4 This is the main move, but not the best. 6.fxe4 Qh4+ 7.Ng3 Nf6 *(7...e5!? 8.dxe5±* doesn't seem to give quite enough play yet, though obviously White could end up with a really bad structure if Black ever takes on c3.*)* 8.e5! Sacrificing a pawn in many lines, and while Black's position is playable it is also a bit precarious. *(*Ashwin gave *8.Qf3 e5∞* which I personally wouldn't enjoy as White. *)*

D2a) 8...Ne4 9.Qf3! Nxg3 *(9...Nxc3?! 10.bxc3 Qxd4?* doesn't work: *11.Ne2 Qxe5 12.Bf4*+- winning a piece.*)* 10.Qxg3 Qxd4 11.Be2 Nd7 12.Bf4 and while this line could be developed further, I believe White has slightly more than sufficient compensation. Qe4 13.Qxg7 Rf8 14.Qg3±;

D2b) 8...Nd5 9.a3

D2b1) 9...Ba5 doesn't save Black from having to

take on c3 eventually. 10.Qd3 Nxc3 *(10...c5?! 11.b4! cxb4 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.axb4 Bxb4+ 14.c3±)* 11.Bd2 c5 12.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Nc6 14.Rd1↑;

D2b2) 9...Nxc3 10.Qd3 Nd5+! *(10...Ne2+ 11.axb4 Nxd4 12.Bd2 Nf5 13.Be2±; 10...Nb5+ 11.axb4 Qxd4 12.c4 Qxe5+ 13.Be3±)* 11.axb4 Nxb4 12.Qe2 Interestingly, even being a pawn down doesn't stop White wanting to trade queens. Of course, he has to solidify his queenside with c3 first.

D2b21) The bishop-pair really helps White squeeze more compensation out in case of 12...c5 13.c3 when I think he is better: Nd5 *(13...N4c6 14.dxc5 Nd7 15.b4 Ncxe5 16.Qe4±)* 14.dxc5 Nd7 15.Qe4 Qxe4+ 16.Nxe4 Nxe5 17.Be2±;

D2b22) 12...0-0! 13.c3 Nd5 14.Qe4 Qxe4+ 15.Nxe4⩲ The engine gives +0.2 here, and a human player would probably enjoy White's position more than that number indicates.]

5.Nge2 About this move, I have commented before that since the knight can no longer get to f3, Black needn't worry about French-type continuations. Black follows this recipe in the present game.

[The main move 5.a3 still packs some punch, especially if White understands some ideas from the 3. Nc3 French. Nf6 *(I recommend 5...Nd7!* in my book, waiting for White to play *6.Be3* before responding *Ngf6P* so that White doesn't have the ability to play e5 any more.*; 5...Be7 6.Be3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Ngf6 8.Bf2 dxe4 9.fxe4 Ng4 10.Nf3 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 e5 12.Ne2 exd4 13.e5 Qc7 14.Nexd4 Nxe5 15.Re1 Ng4+ 16.Kg1 0-0 17.h3 Nf6 18.Qd2 Bd6 19.Ne2 Be6 20.Ng5* 0-1 (40) 3.♘f3 ♗b4 4.♗d2 ♕e7 5,g (2604)-Mladenov,P (2674) (m/6) 23/171 1977 (8)*)* 6.e5 *(6.Be3?! dxe4 7.fxe4 Ng4∓* was a surprising continuation in Li,C-Navara,D Huaian 2016, and served to illustrate the point that offbeat opening choices can really backfire if your only goal was to catch your opponent unawares. How often do you see Black better after 7 moves of a game between 2700s?*)* 6...Nfd7 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.dxc5! This is the main issue with 5...Nf6. *(9.Be3* is more common, reaching a position more often seen via 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7. Be3 Qb6 8.a3, but White can ask some additional questions by taking on c5.*)* 9...Bxc5 *(9...Nxc5 10.Be3* threatening b4, while the b2-pawn is still poisoned in view of Nb5.*; 9...Qxc5 10.Nb5 Qb6 11.c4±)* 10.Na4 Qa5+ 11.c3 Be7 12.b4 Qc7 13.Bd3↑ with reasonable positional pressure.]

[5.Qd3 also more or less gives up on reaching a favourable Nc3 French, so Black can play Nf6 as in the game.]

5...Nf6!

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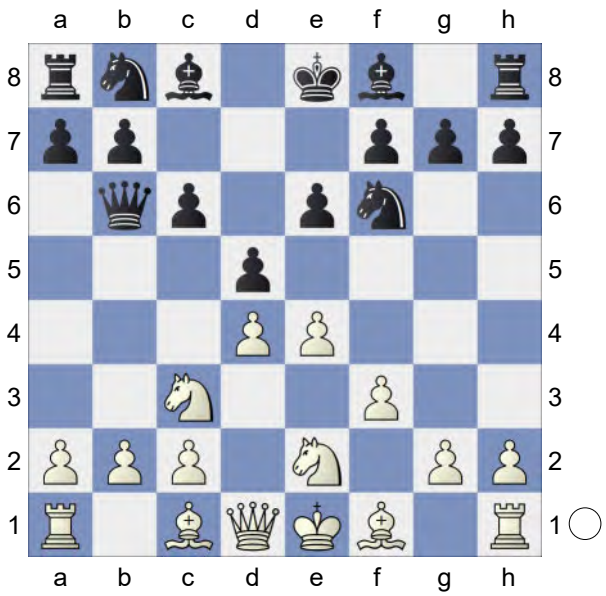

6.b3N White gives up on trying to claim an opening advantage.

[One interesting way of playing for the opening advantage is 6.Nf4 as seen in a game I watched live some years ago. dxe4!? Houska has a very confrontational style within the Caro-Kann, and here she seeks to take advantage of the fact that the f4-knight can no longer defend e4. *(6...Be7=* was more circumspect, when White can continue pretending he wants to play e5 eventually but the tries shouldn't work.*)* 7.fxe4 Bb4 0.44/21 *(7...e5=* 0.08/20 *)* 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qd3 c5 10.a3 Nfxd5 would now be deadly. Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Nc6 An insane position that the cloud engines award 0.00 on high depth. 12.Nh5! cxd4 13.Nxg7+ Kd8?! 0.99/21 *(13...Kf8!∞; 13...Kf8=* 0.15/23 *)* 14.Bg5+? 0.15/19 *(14.cxd4! Qxd4 15.Qxd4 Nxd4 16.Bd3±; 14.cxd4!±* 0.99/21 aiming for Bg5+. *Qxd4 15.Qxd4 Nxd4 16.Bd3)* 14...Kc7= 15.c4 -1.00/20 *(15.cxd4=* 0.07/19 *Qb2 16.Rd1)*

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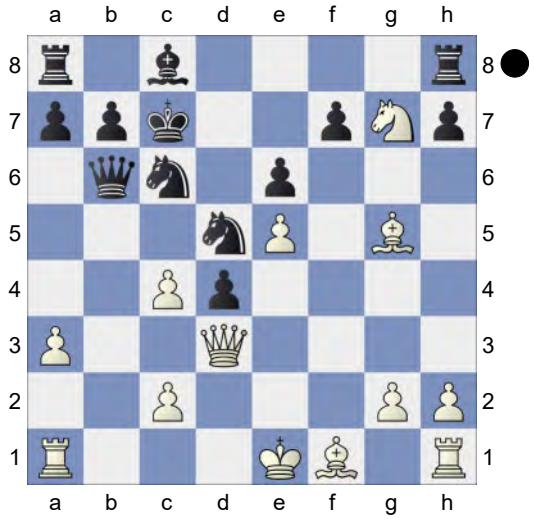


15...Qa5+ -0.37/20 *(15...Qb2!∓* -1.00/20 *16.Rc1 Ne3 17.Bxe3 dxe3 18.Qxe3 h6)* 16.Kf2 Ne3∓ Wall,G-Houska,J England 2014]

[6.Qd3 Na6 7.a3 c5 8.e5 Nd7 9.f4 f5 10.g3 Be7 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Ndc5 14.Qe3 Ne4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.b4 Bd7 17.Qf2 Nc7 18.c4 Qa6 19.b5 Qa4 20.Be3 Rac8 1-0 (53) 5..dxe4-Genc,U Jugoslavija 76/271 1999 (16)]

6...dxe4N Reaching virgin territory after a mere six moves!

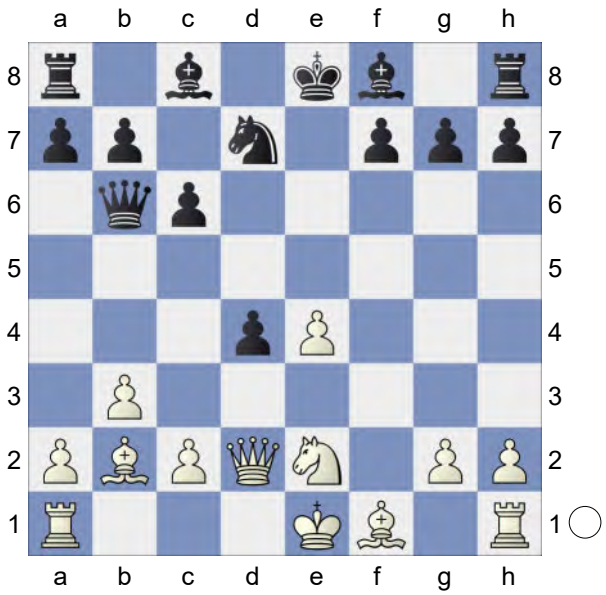
[The predecessor was 6...Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Qd3 -0.35/19 *(8.Qd2=* 0.04/18 *)* 8...a5 9.0-0-0 Na6 10.Kb1 Bd7 11.g4 Nb4 12.Qe3 dxe4 13.fxe4 a4→ Szczepaniak, L-Kaczmarek,A Krakow 2015]

7.Nxe4 Nxe4?! Considering that this doesn't change the actual evaluation maybe?! is a bit harsh, but on principle Black has chosen the wrong pawn to push, and also underestimated the dynamic potential of the IKP.

[7...Nbd7! keeps things more flexible than the game continuation, and if White proceeds analogously then it makes sense to break with ...c5 before long. 8.Bb2 Bb4+ 9.c3 Be7

10.N2g3 c5! and White has to think about how to avoid being worse. *(10...0-0!?)*]

8.fxe4 The position is equal. **8...e5 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.Qd2 exd4**



11.Nxd4 Bb4 Pin **12.c3 Bc5 13.Nf5!?** The critical try.

[After 13.Qf4 0-0 14.0-0-0 Re8 Black just blockades the pawn and only White is in danger of being worse.]

[13.Qg5 with more complications. 0-0 14.Nf5 g6 15.Bc4]

13...g6 0.60/18 The loss of the bishop pair will be costly in an opposite-coloured bishop scenario.

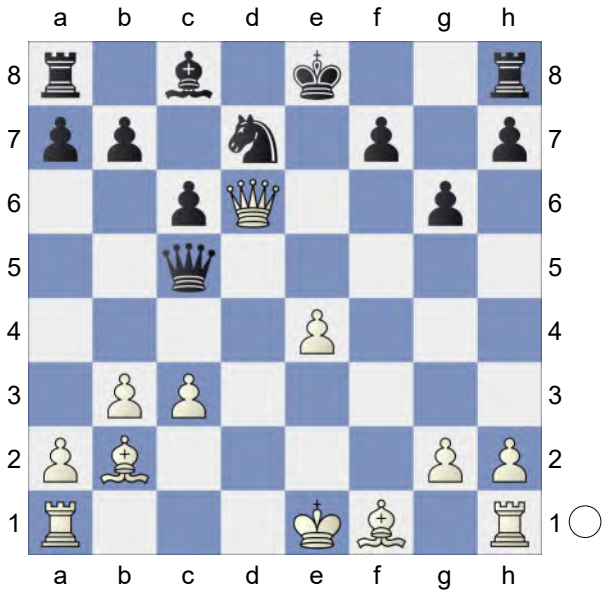
[13...0-0 And now ...Nf6 would win. 14.b4 Threatens to win with 0-0-0! Re8 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.0-0-0 Black must now prevent Nxg7! Nxe4 17.Ne7+ Kh8! 18.Nxc8 Raxc8 19.Qf4 Nf2 ...Nxd1! is the strong threat. 20.Bc4∞]

[13...0-0= 0.01/22 14.0-0-0 *(14.b4 Re8∓)* 14...Ne5]

14.Nd6+± Bxd6

[14...Ke7 1.68/19 14...Bxd6 0.63]

15.Qxd6 Qc5



Dodges c4 **16.Qf4 Ne5 17.0-0-0 0-0**

[17...Bg4 18.c4 Bxd1 19.Bxe5±]

18.Be2 a5 Now, faced with a two-way decision in a sharp position, White makes the wrong call. **19.Qf6?!** Preventing Black from playing ...f6 and thus this is one of two possible critical moves.

[19.c4! f6 20.g4! led to an almost winning position, because Black can't prevent a pawn getting to g5 and excavating the foundations of his dark-squared blockade. b5 *(20...g5! 21.Qg3 b5 22.h4+-)* 21.g5 bxc4 0.90/20 *(⌓21...a4 1.38/19)* 22.gxf6± The position is still quite unclear, but White has more attacking forces than Black does and this makes all the difference. Optically one wishes to avoid ...axb3+, but actually the king will be quite safe on a1!]

[19.h4 0.24/21 19.c4 0.63 isn't so constructive: f6∞]

19...Qe3+ 20.Rd2 Qxe4

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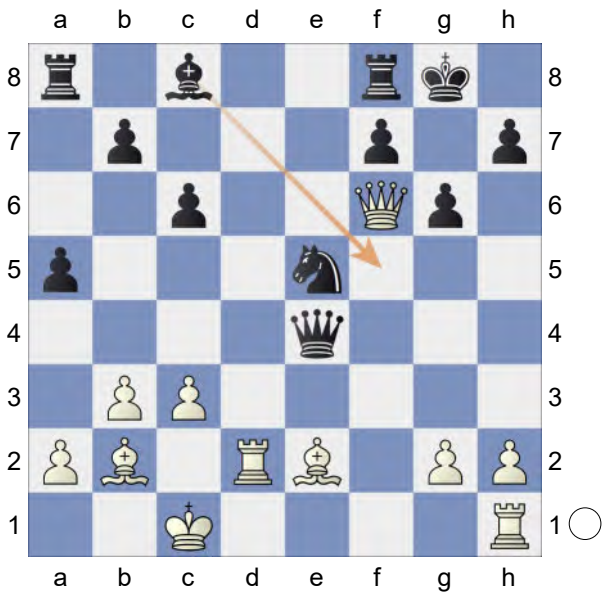
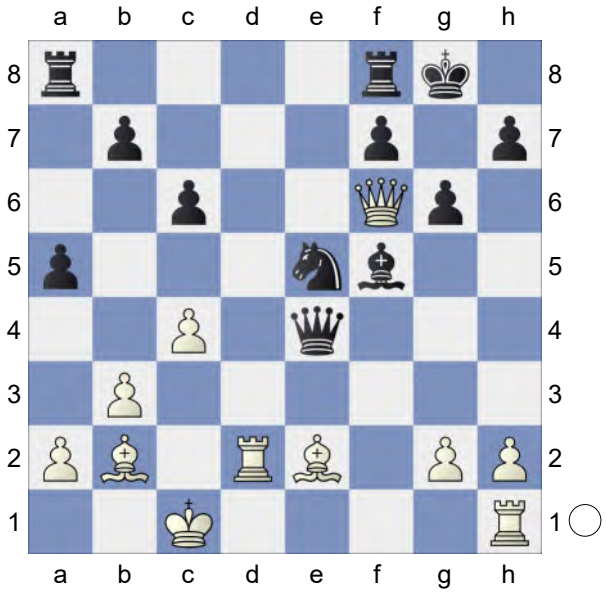


21.c4 Bf5!



22.Bd3K White is not keeping still. Some like it hot **22...Qxd3**

[Inferior is 22...Nxd3+ 23.Rxd3 Qf4+ 24.Rd2]

23.Rxd3 Nxd3+ 24.Kb1 White sensibly acquiesces to the repetition.

[24.Kd2?! -0.38/23 24.Kc2 0.01 Nxb2 25.Qxb2 Rfe8→ leads to the same material balance, but of course White's king is extremely vulnerable.]

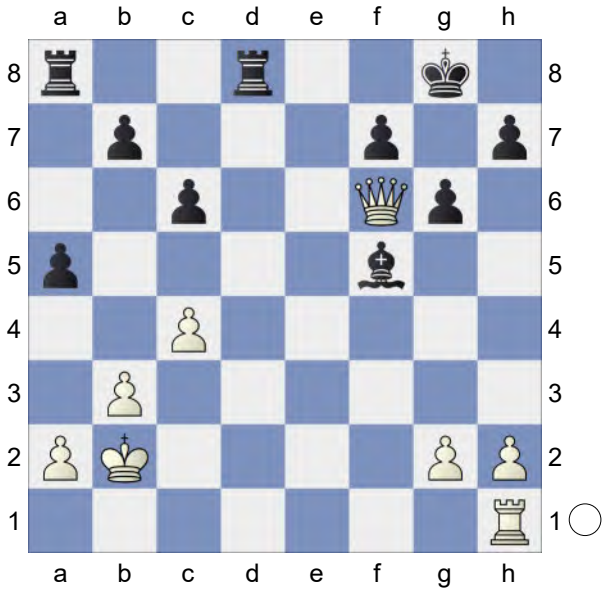
24...Nxb2+!? Black opts to play on, on the basis that it's usually a bit easier to play with pieces than a queen. But king safety is a very important part of any such calculation and here White's is safer whereas Black's king suffers from defects in the surrounding pawn-structure.

[24...Nb4+= repeated.]

[24...Nb4+ looks sharper. 25.Ka1 Nc2+ 26.Kb1 Nb4+]

25.Kxb2 Rfd8 1.02/20

[25...b5= 0.25/21 keeps the balance.]



26.Qg5 0.01/19

[White has to play 26.a4!± 1.02/20]

26...a4 27.g4 Be6 28.h4 Rd4

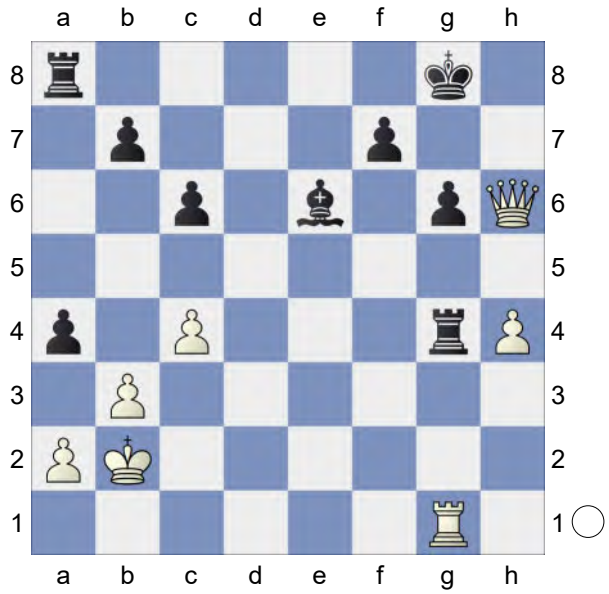
[28...axb3 seems wilder. 29.axb3 b5 30.h5 bxc4 31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Qe7 Bf7]

29.Rg1± White has successfully managed the threats against his pawns and king, and now stands ready to play h5. Black should prevent h5.

[29.h5 is more complex. Rxg4 30.Qe5 h6 31.hxg6 Rg2+ 32.Kc3]

29...h6? 1.52/20 White leaves nothing to chance now. **30.Qxh6 Rxg4** 2.21/22

[30...axb3± 1.49/22 31.axb3 Rxg4 32.Rxg4 Bxg4]



31.Rxg4+- Bxg4± Endgame. KQ-KRB **32.Qg5 Bf3** 2.51/23

[32...Bh5± 1.89/21 32...Bf5 1.13 avoided tactical issues with the bishop, though Black is still a bit worse and must work to make use of his fortress chances.]

[32...Bf5± 1.57/21 33.h5 axb3]

33.Qe7+- axb3 34.axb3 Strongly threatening h5.

[Not 34.Qxb7 Rxa2+ 35.Kxb3 Ra5=]

[34.Kxb3 b5±]

34...b5? 5.75/24

[34...Rf8 2.38/19 is a better chance. 35.Qxb7 Re8]

35.Qb7! Now White is winning, and converted smoothly. **35...Re8**

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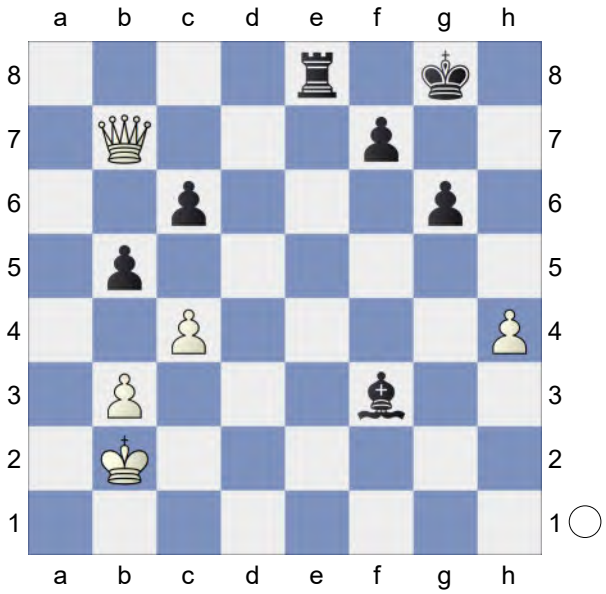
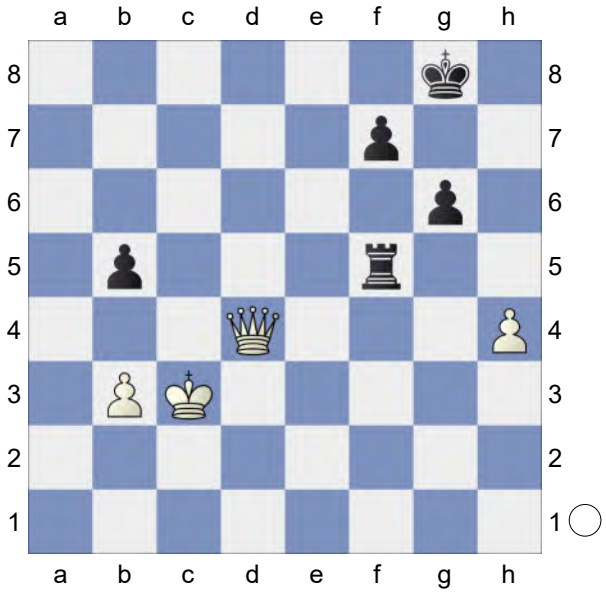


36.cxb5 cxb5 37.Qxf3 KQ-KR **37...Re5 38.Qf6 Rf5 39.Qd4 Rh5 40.Kc3 Rf5**



41.Kb4 Rh5 42.Ka5 Rf5 43.Kb6 Rh5 44.Kc6 Rf5 45.Kd7 Kh7

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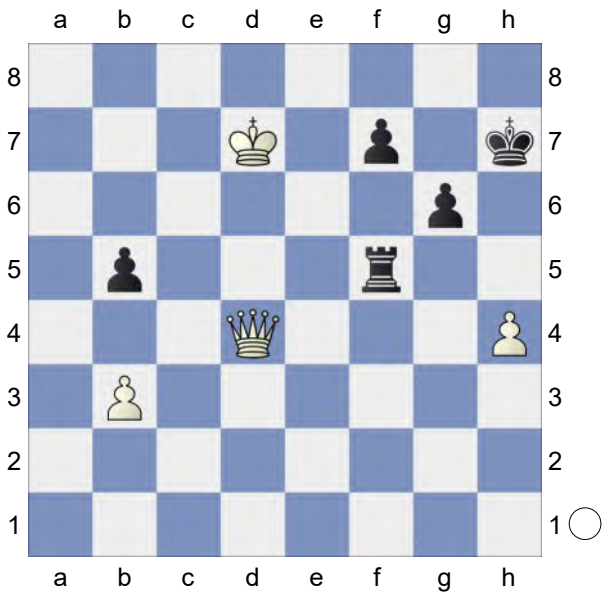
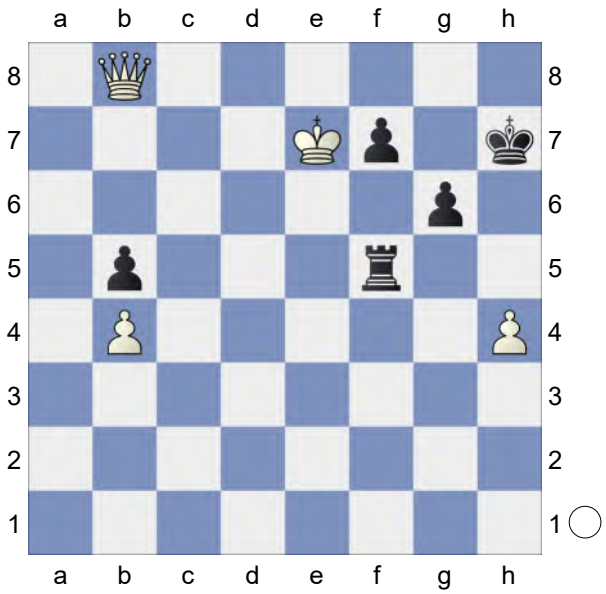


46.Ke7 White threatens Kf8 and mate. **46...Kg8 47.b4 Rf1 48.Qd8+ Kg7 49.Qf8+ Kh7 50.Qb8** Against Rf4. White is clearly winning. **50...Rf5**



51.Kf8 Qg3 would kill now. **51...Kh6 52.Qg3 Kh5 53.Kg7 g5 54.Qd3**

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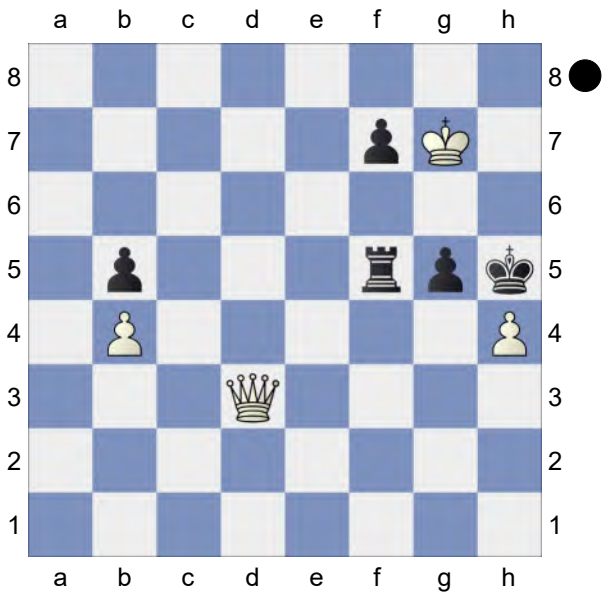

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.37

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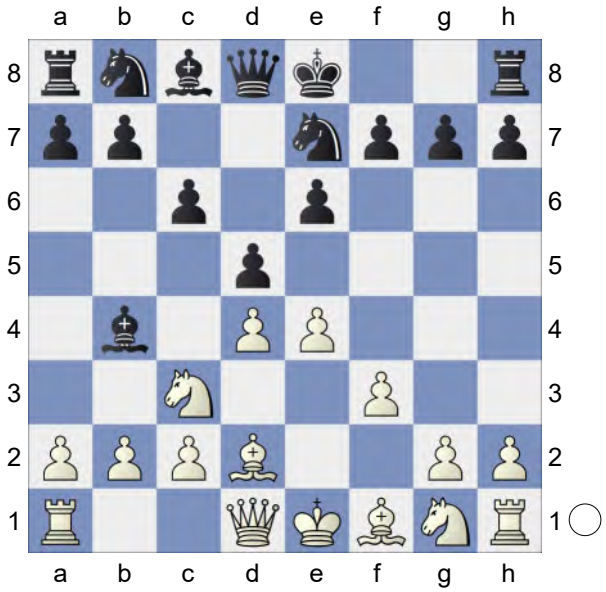
113 **B12**
□ **Timofeev,Artyom** **2690**
■ **Deviatkin,Andrei** **2570**
109/51 Russia 2010
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Perunovic,Mil: 'Inf 109/(51)' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7**



6.a3 Ba5
[6...Bxc3 7.Bxc3 b6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Qf4 dxe4 10.fxe4 f5 11.Qe3 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Nf3 fxe4 14.Qxe4 Qd5 15.Qd3 b5 16.0-0 Ng6 17.Rae1 Rf6 18.Bd2 Raf8 19.b3 Nc7 20.c4 bxc4 21.bxc4 1-0 (31) Vitiugov,N (2711)-Nisipeanu,L (2600) Bundesliga 2024]
7.Bd3 Nd7 8.Nge2 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.b4N**
[9.0-0 c5 Vegh,E (2266)-Prohaszka,P (2510) Zalakaros 2010]
9...Bb6 10.Na4 e5

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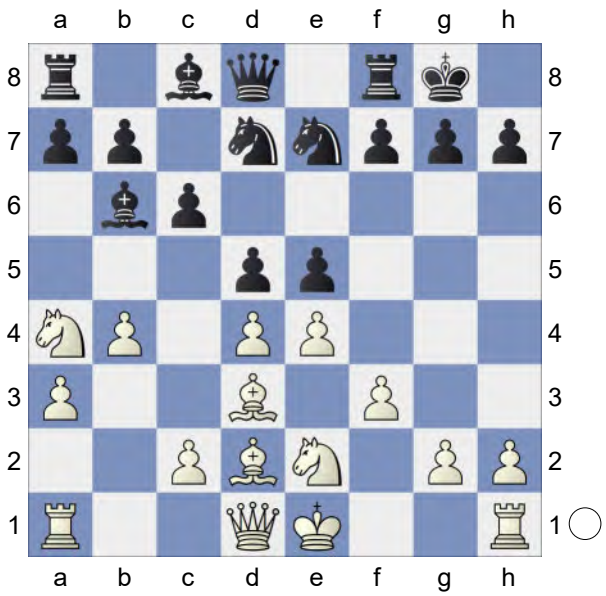
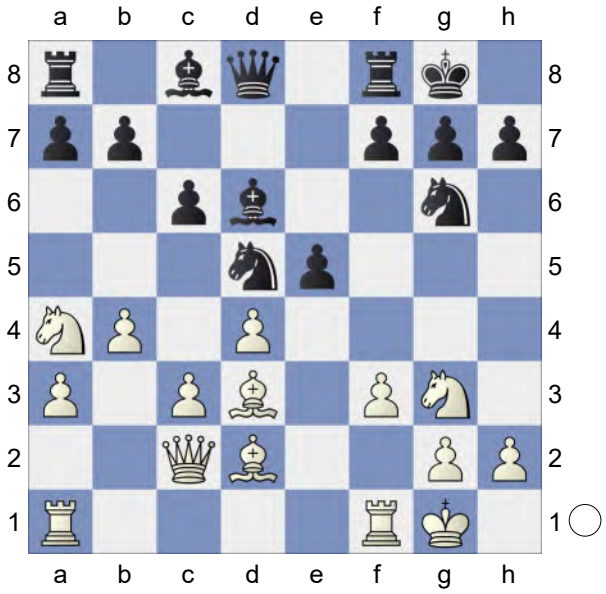


11.c3 Bc7 12.0-0 Ng6 13.Qc2 Bd6 14.Ng3 Nf6 15.exd5 Nxd5



16.c4 Ndf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Nf5 Bc7 19.Rad1 a5

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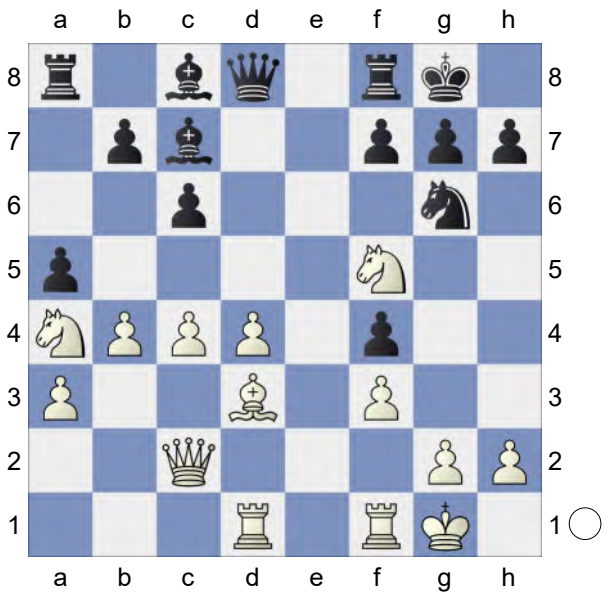
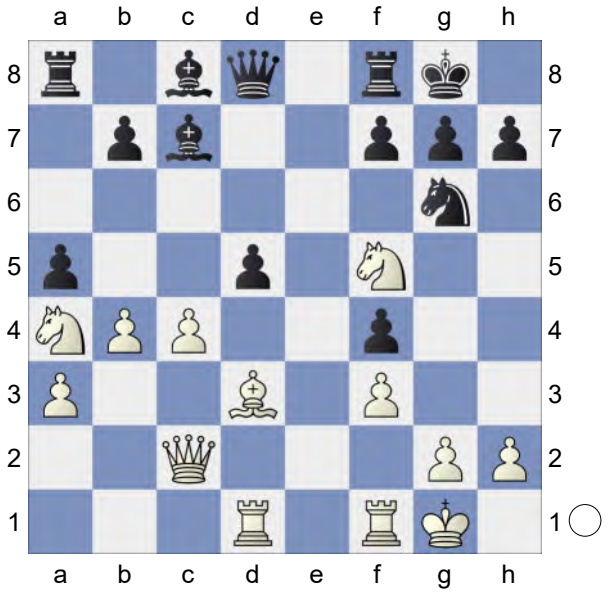


20.d5! cxd5



21.cxd5 axb4 22.axb4 Bxf5
[22...Qxd5? 23.Ne7+ Nxe7 24.Bxh7+ *(24.Qxc7 Qg5∓)* 24...Kh8 25.Rxd5 *(25.Qxc7 Qg5=)* 25...Nxd5 26.Be4+-]
23.Bxf5 Bd6 24.Nc5 Qb6 25.Kh1 Qxb4

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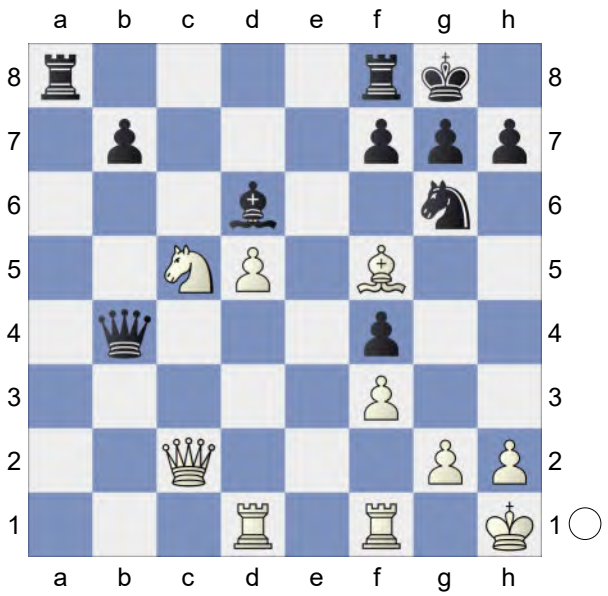
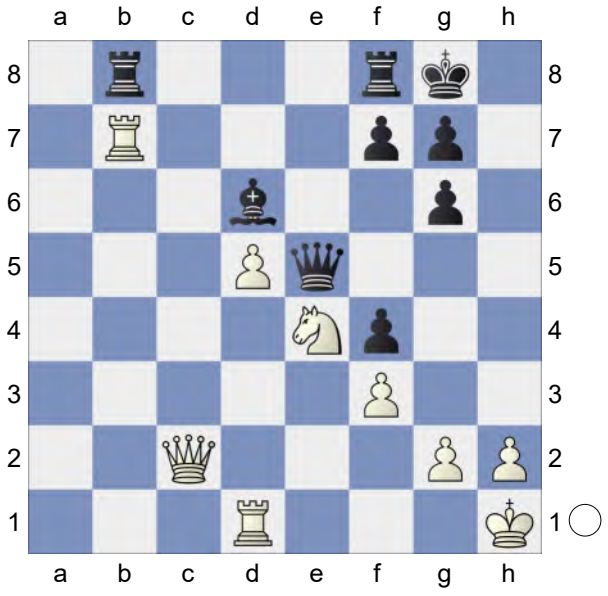


26.Ne4 Rad8 27.Rb1 Black is weak on the light squares **27...Qd4 28.Rfd1 Qe5 29.Bxg6 hxg6 30.Rxb7 Rb8**



31.Qb3 Rxb7 32.Qxb7 f5 0.77/24
[32...Rd8= 0.07/22]

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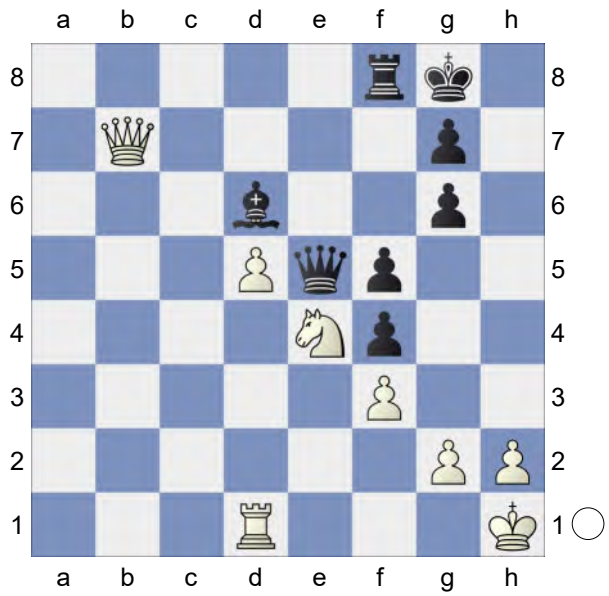
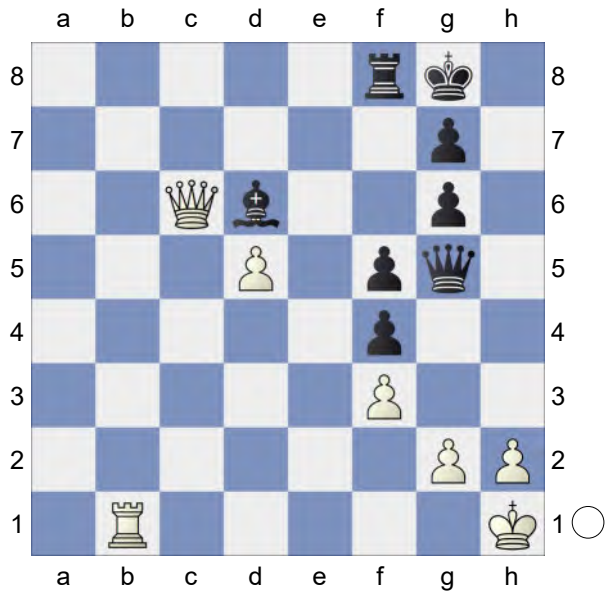


33.Ng5!± **Qe2** **34.Rb1** And now Ne6 would win. **34...Qe7** **35.Qc6** **Qxg5**



36.Qxd6 Endgame. KQR-KQR **36...Qh4** 1.17/23

[⌓36...Qd8 0.77/25 37.Qxg6 *(37.Qxf4 Qxd5 38.Qb4 Rc8=)* 37...Qxd5]

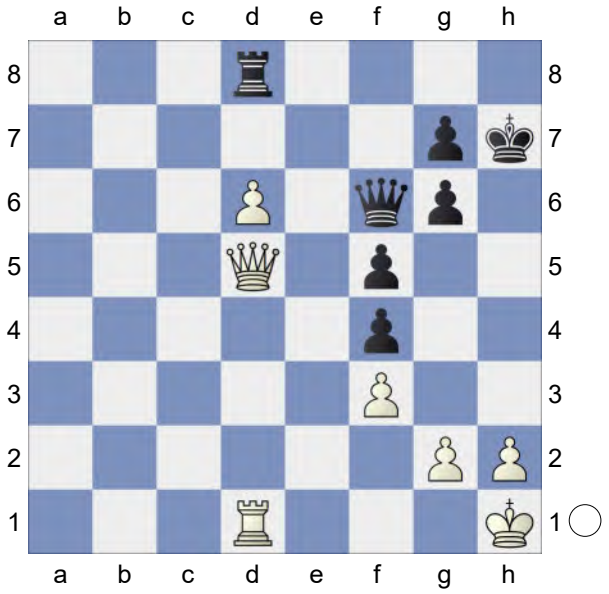
37.Qe6+ 0.66/24

[White should play 37.Qe5± 1.17/23]

37...Kh7± **38.d6** d7 would now be deadly. **38...Qf6!** **39.Qd5** **Rb8** D e f l e c t i o n , B a c k R a n k **40.Rd1↑** White is really pushing.

[40.Rxb8? Qa1+]

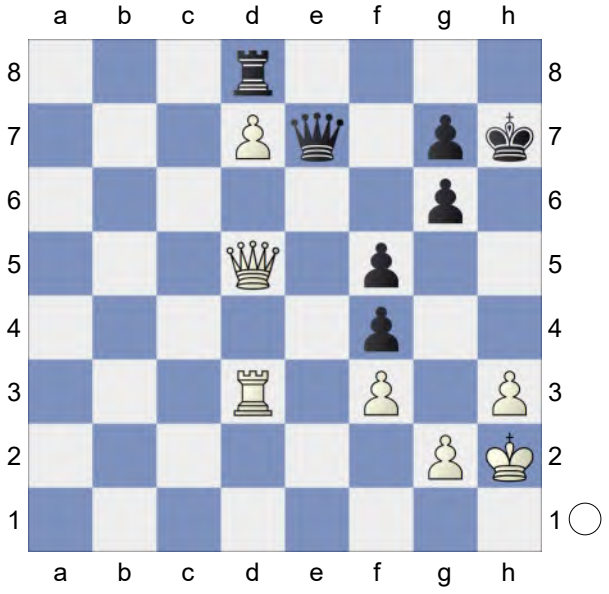
40...Rd8



41.d7 **Qe7** **42.h3** **Kh6** **43.Kh2** **Kh7** **44.Rd4** **Kh6** **45.Rd3**

[45.Rxf4?! Rxd7=]

45...Kh7



46.Qd4 **Qe6** **47.Rd1**

[47.Qxf4?! Rxd7 48.Rc3 Qf6=]

47...Qe7 **48.Qa7**

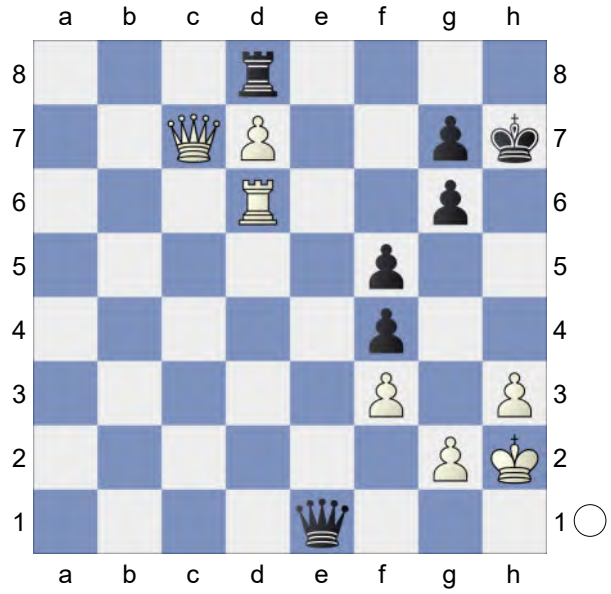
[48.Qxf4?! Rxd7 49.Ra1 Ra7 50.Rxa7 Qxa7=]

48...Qe6 **49.Qc7** **Qe7** **50.Rd6**

[Reject 50.Qxf4?! Rxd7 51.Rb1

Rc7=]

50...Qe1? 9.37/24



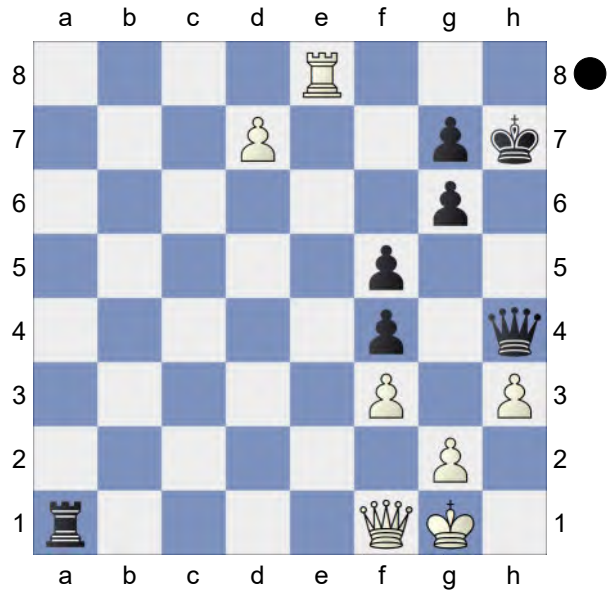
This costs Black the game. **51.Re6!+-** Discovered Attack. Active counter play! White is clearly winning.

[Stronger than 51.Qxd8 Qg3+ 52.Kh1 Qe1+ 53.Kh2 Qg3+ 54.Kh1 Qe1+ 55.Kh2=]

51...Qg3+ 52.Kg1 Ra8 53.Qc4

[53.d8R gets mated. Ra1+]

53...Qh4 54.Re8 Intending Qg8+ and mate. **54...Ra1+ 55.Qf1**



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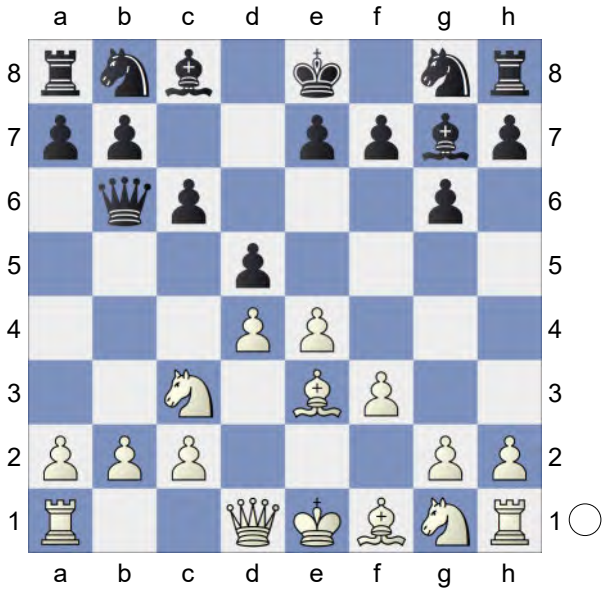
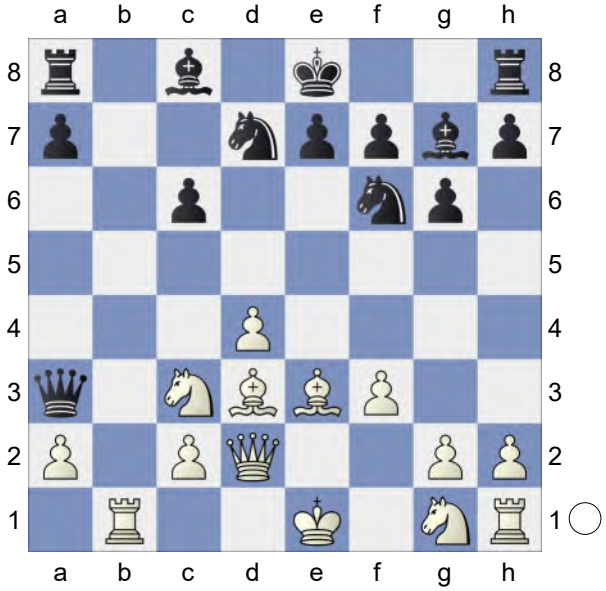
114 **B15**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2741**
■ **Morozevich,Alexander** **2741**
Corus Wijk aan Zee (2) 16.01.2005
[Huzman]

1.e4 Huzman,Alexander Huzman, Alexander Huzman,Alexander Huzman, Alexander: 'Huzman Adams,Michael' **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Qb6**



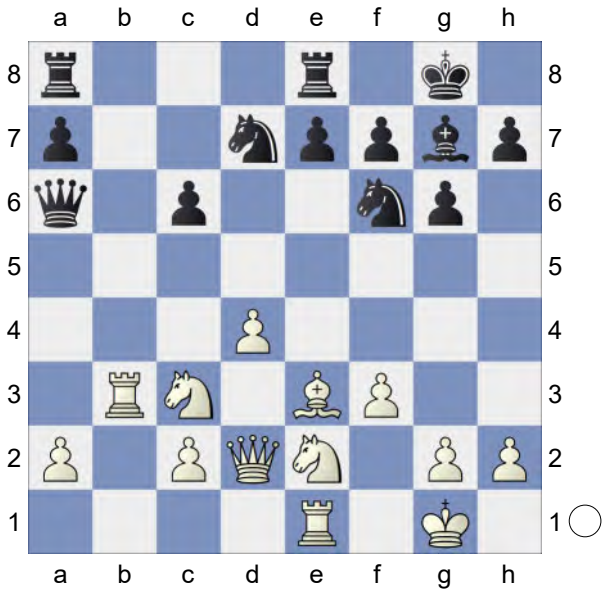
6.Qd2 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.exd5 Nf6
[8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Qxa2 10.Rb3]
9.dxc6 bxc6
[9...Nxc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Bd4 Qd6 *(11...Ned7 12.Nb5 Qxa2 13.Ra1)* 12.Nb5 Qb8 13.Qa5 b6 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.Qxa8 Qxa8 16.Nc7+ Kd8 17.Nxa8 Nxd5 18.Rd1]
10.Bd3
[10.Bc4±
A) 10...Ba6= 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Nge2 Nbd7 13.0-0 c5 14.Rfe1 Rac8= 15.d5 Nb6 16.Ba4 Bc4 17.Bb3 *(17.Bc6 e6)* 17...Bxe2 18.Qxe2 c4= ½-½ Leko,P-Anand,V/Leon 2001/CBM 84/[Huzman] (20) 19.Nb5!? Qa6 20.Nxa7 Rc7 21.Ba4 Nxa4;
B) 10...0-0 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Bb3 Ba6 13.0-0 e5 *(13...c5)* 14.Rfd1 Rfe8 15.d5 cxd5 16.Nxd5]
[10.Nge2 Qa5 ½-½ Mikhalchishin-Ionov/Klaipeda YB/11 1988 (15) 11.Nc1 Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams, Michael: 'Ü 90/(263)'' Huzman, Alexander: 'Adams,Michael: 'Ü 90/(263)" Nbd7 12.Nb3 Qd8 13.Bh6 0-0 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Be2 Qc7 16.0-0 Nb6 17.Ne4]
10...Nbd7



11.Nge2 Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams, Michael: 'N!?'' **11...0-0 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Rb3 Qa5 14.Bxa6**
[14.Nd5 Qxd2 15.Nxe7+ *(15.Bxd2 Bxd3 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxd3 c5)* 15...Kh8= 16.Bxd2 Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams,Michael: '!?" Bxd3 17.Rxd3 Rfe8
A) 18.Bb4 Bf8 *(18...c5∓ 19.dxc5?* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael *Rxe7 20.c6 Rxe2 21.cxd7 Rd8± 22.Rfd1* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael *Re5± 23.Bd6!?)* 19.Re3∓

c5 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael;
B) 18.Re3 Bh6 19.f4 *(19.Nxg6+ hxg6 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Bxh6= Rxe2* Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams, Michael: '?'') 19...Ng4= 20.Re4∞ (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael Ndf6]

14...Qxa6 15.Re1 Rfe8!



16.Qc1 Nb6 Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams,Michael: '!'' **17.Bf2 Nfd5 18.Ne4**
[18.Nxd5 cxd5]
18...Nc4 19.Qb1 e5= Black finished the development of the pieces and completely egualized the position.
[19...f5 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael 20.Nc5 Qa5 *(20...Qc8* Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams,Michael: '!?'' *21.Rd1)* 21.Rd1∞ Nd2 22.Be1 Bh6 *(22...Nxb1 23.Bxa5↑)* 23.Bxd2 Bxd2 24.Nb7]
20.dxe5 Bxe5

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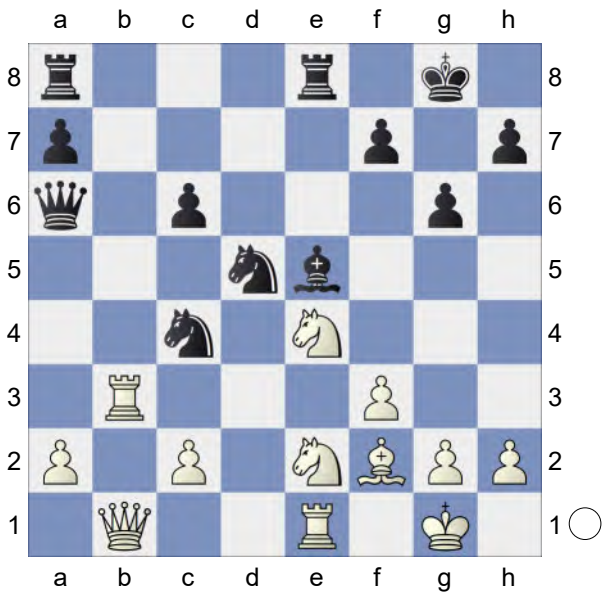
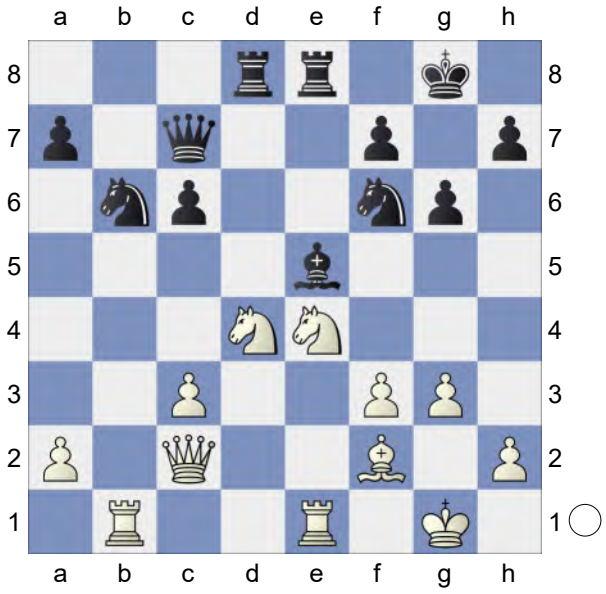


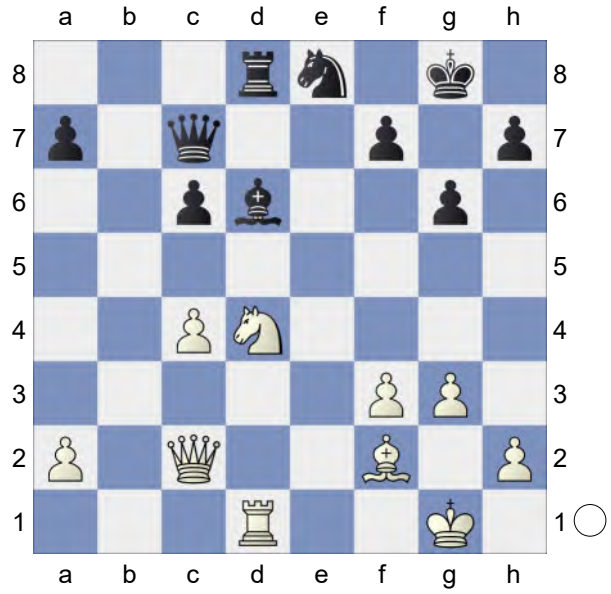
21.c3 Ncb6 22.Nd4 Qc8
[22...Rac8 23.Nc5↑]
23.Qc2 Qc7 24.g3 Rad8 25.Rbb1 Nf6



26.Rbd1
[26.Nxf6+ Bxf6]
26...Nbd5 27.c4 Nxe4
[27...Nb4?? (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 28.Nxf6++- Bxf6 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Qa4 a5 31.a3± △Bxd4 32.Bxd4]
28.Rxe4 Nf6?? 29.Ree1+- Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams,Michael: '+-!'' **29...Bd6**

[29...Bxd4 30.Rxe8+± Nxe8 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 31.Rxd4±]

30.Rxe8+ Nxe8



31.Kg2 Be5 32.Nb3 Nd6 33.Nc5 Nf5 34.Rxd8+ Qxd8 35.Qe4 Bd4

[35...Qc7 36.f4 Bd6 37.Qe8+ Kg7 *(37...Bf8 38.Nd7 Qd6= 39.Bc5!?* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael *Qd2+* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael *40.Kh3)* 38.g4∞ Bxc5 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 39.Bxc5 Qxf4 40.Qf8+ Kf6 41.Qd8+ Ke6 *(41...Kg7!?* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael *42.Bf8+ Kg8 43.Bh6#; 41...Ke5 42.Qc7+ Ke4↑ 43.Qxf4+? Kxf4+- 44.gxf5!?)* 42.gxf5+ Kxf5 43.Qd7+∞]

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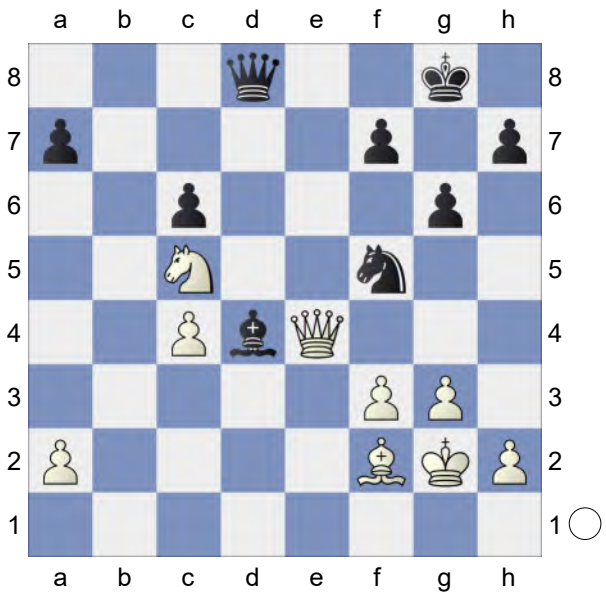

36.Qd3 Qf6

[36...Bf6± 37.Qxd8+?! (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael Bxd8± 38.Nd7!? (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael a5 *(38...Nd6 39.Nb8∞ Nxc4 40.Nxc6 Bb6 41.Nxa7)* 39.Nb8 Ne7 40.Bc5 Bc7 41.Na6 Bd8 42.Bxe7∞ Bxe7 43.Nb8]

37.Ne4 Qg7

[37...Qd8 38.g4]

[37...Qe5 38.g4 Bxf2 39.Qd8+ Kg7 40.gxf5 Bc5 41.f6+ Kh6 42.Qg8 Qb2+ 43.Kh3]

38.g4 Bxf2 39.Qd8+

[39.gxf5 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael gxf5+ 40.Kxf2 fxe4 41.Qd8+ Qf8 42.Qg5+ *(42.Qxf8+= Kxf8* Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams,Michael: '!?" *43.fxe4= Ke7* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael *44.Ke3∞ Kd6?!* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael *45.Kd4 c5+ 46.Kd3 Ke5 47.Ke3 f6)* 42...Kh8= 43.Qf6+ Kg8 44.Qg5+]

39...Qf8 40.Nf6+ Kg7

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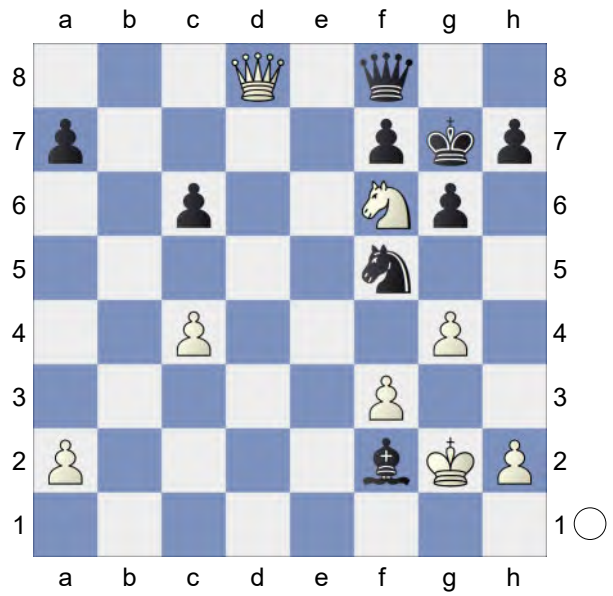


41.Ne8+ Kg8

[41...Kh6∓ 42.g5+!? Kh5 43.Nf6+∞]

[41...Kh8? (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 42.Kxf2∓ Qc5+ *(42...Qe7 43.Nd6+ Qxd8 44.Nxf7+ Kg7 45.Nxd8±)* 43.Kg2 Ne3+ 44.Kh3= Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams, Michael: '∞"]

42.gxf5 Huzman,Alexander: 'Adams, Michael: '!"

[42.Nf6++- Kg7!? (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael ⌓43.Qxf8+ (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael Kxf8!? (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael ⌓44.gxf5 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael *(44.Kxf2 Nd6)*

A) 44...Kg7 45.fxg6 fxg6 46.Nd7 *(46.Nxh7 Bh4)*;

B) 44...Bh4 45.Nd7+∞ Ke7∞ 46.Ne5?!;

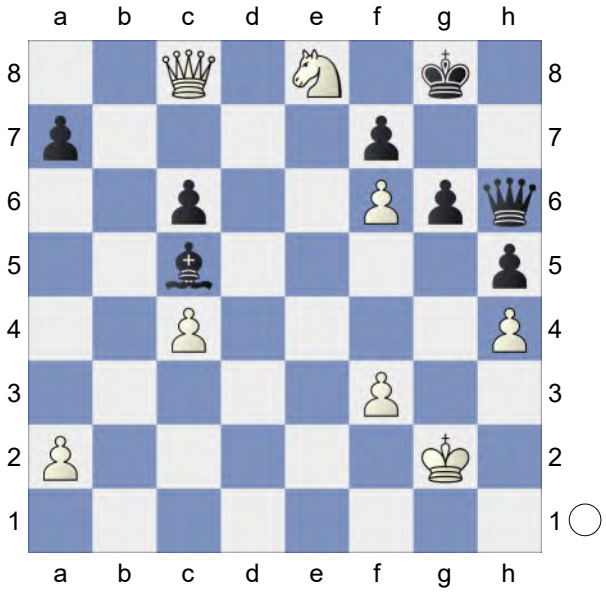
C) 44...Ke7 45.Nxh7 Be3 46.fxg6 fxg6 47.Kg3;

D) 44...Be3?! (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 45.Nd7+ *(45.fxg6 fxg6)* 45...Ke7 46.Ne5! *(46.fxg6 ⌓fxg6* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael *47.Ne5∞ Kd6* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael *48.Nd3* (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael *)* 46...gxf5 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams, Michael 47.Nxc6+ Kd6]

42...Bd4 43.f6

[43.Qxd4 Qxe8 44.Qxa7 Qe2+ 45.Qf2 Qxc4]

43...h5 44.h4 Bc5 45.Qc8 Qh6



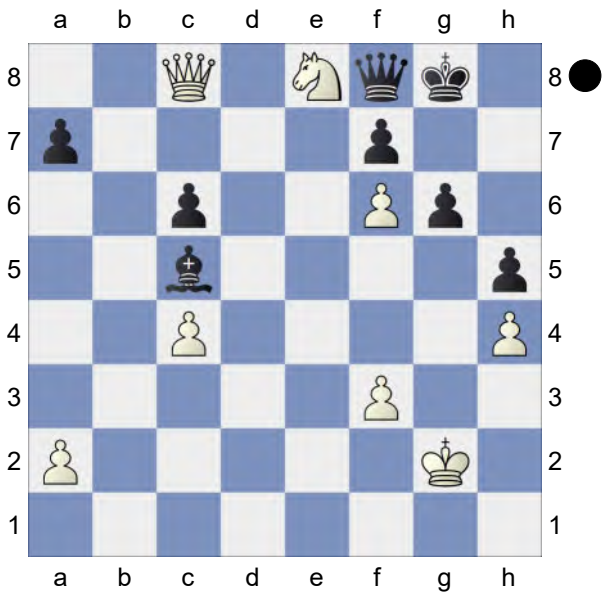
46.Nd6+

[46.Ng7++- (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael Kh7 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 47.Qd7 Qe3 48.Qxf7+- Qf2+ (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 49.Kh3 Qf1+ 50.Kg3+- Bd6+ (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 51.f4± Bxf4# (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael]

46...Qf8

[46...Kh7 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael 47.Nxf7! Qf8 (Huzman,Alexander) Adams,Michael *(47...Qd2+ 48.Kh3+-)* 48.Ng5++- Kg8 49.Qe6+ Kh8 50.Qd7]

47.Ne8 Qh6 48.Nd6+ Qf8 49.Ne8 (Diagram)



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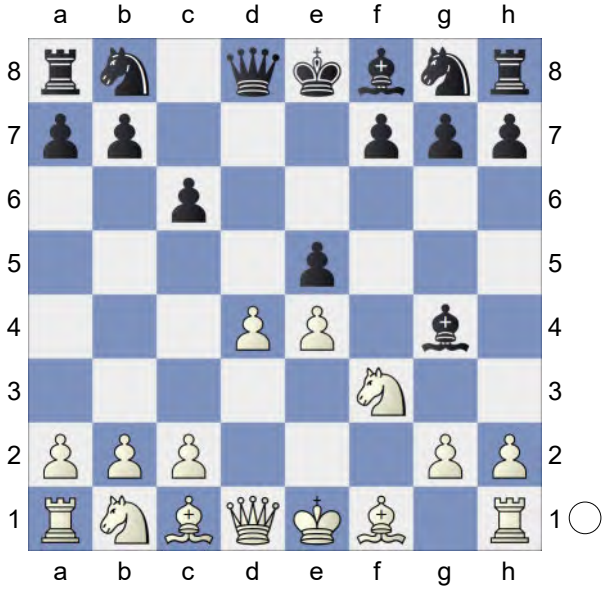
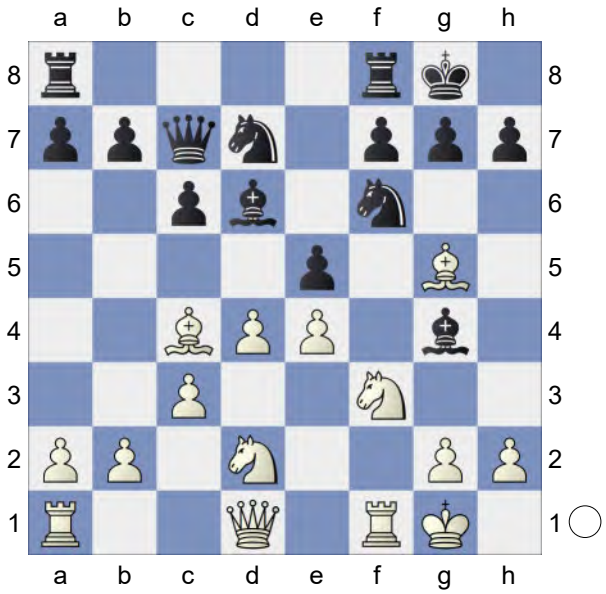
115 **B12**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2488**
■ **Lalith,Babu M R** **2531**
Kolkata Open (8.6) 21.05.2018
[Richard Palliser]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0!
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
7...Ngf6 8.c3! Black should prevent Qb3. **8...Bd6 9.Bg5** White threatens a timely capture on e6 followed by Bc4 and, even more importantly, clamps down on the d5-square. With b2 remaining rather unpalatable, good advice for Black is already a little hard to come by. The position is equal. **9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Qc7!**
[10...b5]
[10...Bh5 -1.10/16 10...Qb6 -0.08]
[10...h6 11.Bh4 Qc7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qc2 Bg6 14.Bd3 b5 15.Rae1 Nh5 16.Bf2 Rab8 17.a4 a6 Middlegame Play-Fantasy The Caro-Kann for Club Players 2022]



The Indian Grandmaster finds the only real way to carry the fight to his young FM opponent and compatriot. **11.h3N**
[11.Qe1 Rae8 *(11...b5 12.Bb3 h6 13.Be3 Rae8 14.Qh4 exd4 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.cxd4 Be6 17.e5 Bxb3 18.Qg3+ Kh7 19.exd6 Qb8 20.axb3 Re6 21.Nh4 Qxd6 22.Qd3+ Kh8 23.Nf5 Qd5 24.Nxh6 Nc5 25.Qc3 Nce4 26.Nxe4* 1-0 (30) Just,W (2664)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2 (2677) 44/498 Graz 1987 (11)*)* 12.Qh4 Bh5 13.Bb3 Bg6 14.Rae1 b5 15.Kh1 c5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 *(16...Bxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Bf4 Qe7 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 21.e6 Nb6 22.exf7+ Bxf7 23.Bd6 Bxb3 24.axb3 Rxf1+ 25.Nxf1 Kf7 26.Bxc5* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6.Bc4: 6...Nd7 #9 *)* 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Bd5 Nd3 19.Re3 Nxb2 20.e5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Ne4 f5 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Ng4 fxg4 25.Qf6+ Kg8 (29) Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6.Bc4: 6...Nd7 #12]
11...Bh5 12.Qc2 b5
[12...Bg6]
[12...h6]

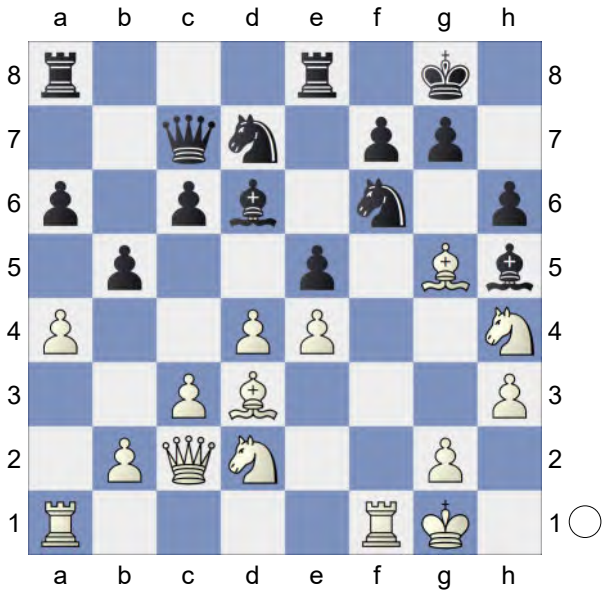
13.Bd3 a6 14.a4 Rfe8?

[14...h6 15.Bxf6 *(15.Bh4 Bg6!* saw White being rewarded for his early creativity with a clear plus in Matuszewski-Brodowski, Polish Team Championship 2018. *16.dxe5!? Bxe5 17.Nxe5* must be critical Of course, *17...Qxe5 18.Rae1 Qd6* very much retains its adherents too. We saw Peter Svidler playing this way last month and *19.Re3 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Ne5)* 15...Nxf6 16.Nh4 c5 was but a rather sad-looking Borg (reversed Grob) for him in Hrabusa-Dolezal, Menchik Memorial, Prague (rapid) 2018. ...c4 would now be deadly. A new move for us, and not one I really care for. Having said 'A', Black should surely say 'B' and go right ahead with 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.dxe5 Bxe5 20.Bxb5 , tackling the Vaganian Gambit in the most solid manner, as we've considered on a number of occasions over the years. The critical push, but 20...c4!? remains quite trendy and in one recent game, 21.Bxc4 Rd8! 22.g4 Bg3 *(22...Qc5+!? 23.Kg2 Rxd2+* Remove Defender *24.Qxd2 Qxc4=)* 23.Nf5 Bg6 24.Bd3 -0.38/21 *(24.b3!=* -0.01/19 *)* 24...Bxf5 25.Rxf5?! (natural, but too slow) Bh4 26.e5!? -0.65/21 *(26.Rf3=* -0.11/20 *)* 26...Qc5+ 27.Kg2 g6 28.Nb3 Qe3 29.Rf3 Nd5 30.Nd4! Qxe5]

15.Nh4 h6

[15...Bg6! 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.b4 -0.55/19 *(17.Nb3=* -0.09/15 *)* 17...Qb6! -0.17/19 *(17...a5∓* -0.55/19 should be considered. *)* 18.Qb2= Nf8]

(Diagram)



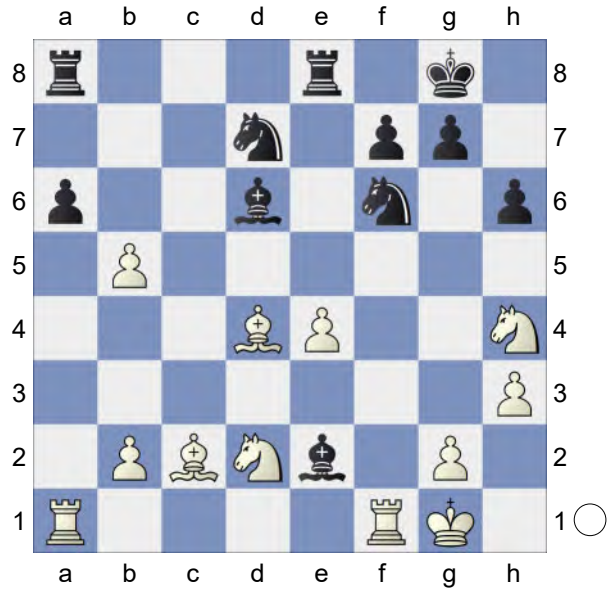
16.Be3 c5 17.axb5?! cxd4

[The exclam is perhaps unworthy, since White should be slightly better in any case, but I rather like Erigaisi's decision to open the position. Instead, 17...axb5 White must now prevent ... c4. 18.dxe5 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 Bxe5 20.Bxb5 Bf4 21.Qd3 aiming for Bxf4. Bxe3+ 22.Qxe3 Rb8 23.Bf1 Ne5 followed by Nd2 would be a typical edge for White, *(23...Rxb2 24.Nc4* Dodges Ne5 *Rb8 25.Nf5! Nf8 26.e5 Nd5 27.Qd2* , which gave Black good play on the dark squares in Cordes-Schlamp, German League 1999. *Ne7!?* was far from ridiculous either The Indian Grandmaster prepares to head for a Czech Benoni-type centre. Instead, *28.Nxe7+?!* receives full marks for creativity, but unfortunately for Black *Qxe7 29.Qd6)* who should, however, avoid 24.Nc4?! Nxc4 25.Bxc4 Threatens to win with Rf1. Qe5]

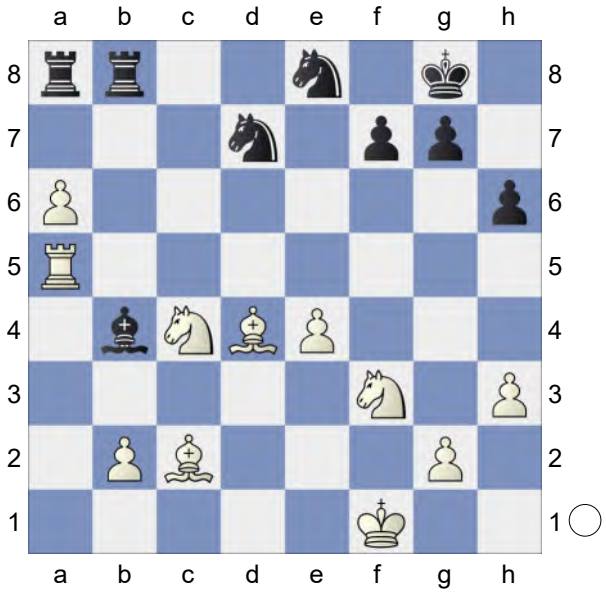
[17...axb5 seems wilder. 18.dxe5 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 Bxe5 20.Bxb5 Bf4]

18.cxd4 Qxc2 19.Bxc2 This time Black doesn't have enough for his pawn, since

his knight is tied, for now at least, to the defence of f5, while b2 remains poisoned. **19...exd4? 20.Bxd4 Be2**
[20...axb5 21.Rxa8! Rxa8 22.g4 and Black is going to have to give up his queen Bg6 would be rather ambitious, positionally speaking, and after 23.Nxg6 fxg6 24.Nf3 White's knight is once again bound for f4. Against Be5]



21.bxa6 Bc5
[21...Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Bb4 23.Nhf3!]
[21...Bxa6 22.Rfc1 Black would have forced White to play precisely to retain the upper hand.Retaining the knights with 22...Bf4 23.Nhf3 Bb7 looks more natural and effective, although the game continuation quickly turns out rather well for Erigaisi. 24.Rxa8!? was perhaps even safer, and if Rxa8 25.Re1 Bg3 26.Bf2 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 , with a definite pull. or 27...Nc5 28.e5 Nd5 ...Nb4 is the strong threat. 29.Ne4 Ne6? 30.Nd6]
22.Nhf3 There goes the exchange.
[Much weaker is 22.Bxc5?! Bxf1 23.Bd4 Bxa6= *(23...Rxa6? 24.Rxf1 Ne5 25.Bc3+-)*]
22...Bxf1? 1.12/22
[⌓22...Bxa6 0.71/20 23.Rfb1 Bb7]
23.Kxf1± Black must either allow the exchange of queens or White's queen to invade on d7 with deadly consequences. **23...Reb8** 1.16/20 was the last try, if surely one highly unlikely to be insufficient, in view of
[23...Bxd4± 0.69/20 24.Nxd4 Nc5]
24.Nc4 0.50/20
[24.Bc3± 1.16/20]
24...Ne8 1.35/22
[24...Ra7!± 0.50/20]
25.Ra5 Black is weak on the light squares **25...Bb4**



26.Rd5 -0.80/21 White has more active pieces.
[26.Ra2! Bc5 27.Bc3 and then, say,]
[26.Ra2!± 1.07/22 and life is bright.]
26...Nef6∓ 27.Bxf6 -1.26/22
[27.Rf5 -1.34/22 27.Nfe5 -0.90 Rxa6 28.Nce5 -2.07/23 *(28.Nfd2∓ -1.53/20)* 28...g6 29.Rf4 Bc5 30.Rxf6

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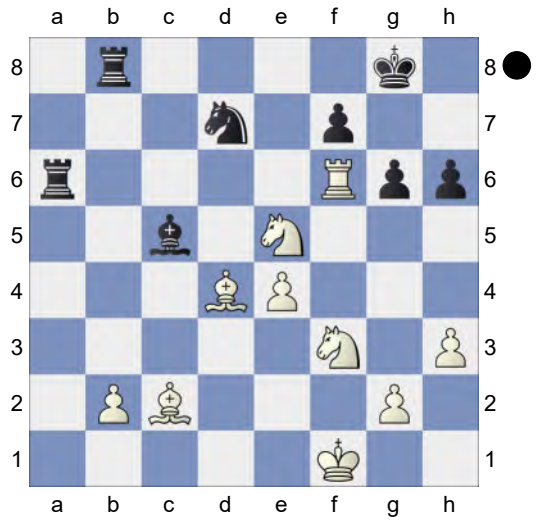

Ra1+! 31.Ke2 - a brutal, if thematic line. Nxf6 32.Bxc5 And now Bd4 would win. Rxb2 33.Kd3 is a killer Taking control of f5. 33...Nxe4! would also have been rather effective, and if 34.Bd4 Ra3+ . Did Lalith really imagine that he was going to pick off d5 or cause havoc with ...f5-f4? Both look unlikely, but possibly Lalith already simply disliked his position. However, with 35.Kxe4 Rxc2!]

[27.a7 Rc8 28.Ne3 Nxd5 29.Nxd5 Bc5=]

[Better is 27.Nfe5 -0.90/22 Nxe5 28.Rxe5 *(28.Bxe5 Nxd5 29.Bxb8 Rxb8-+)*]

27...Nxf6 28.Rd1 . Likewise, if **28...Rxa6 29.e5 Nh5 30.Nd4** Against Rc6 or **30...Rd8**

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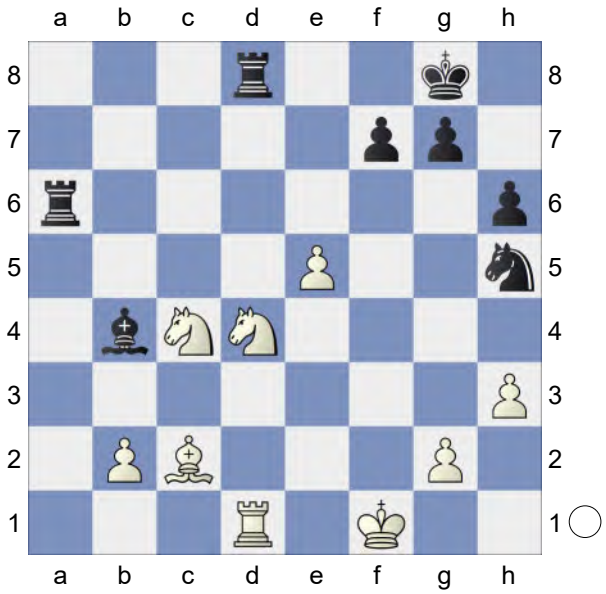
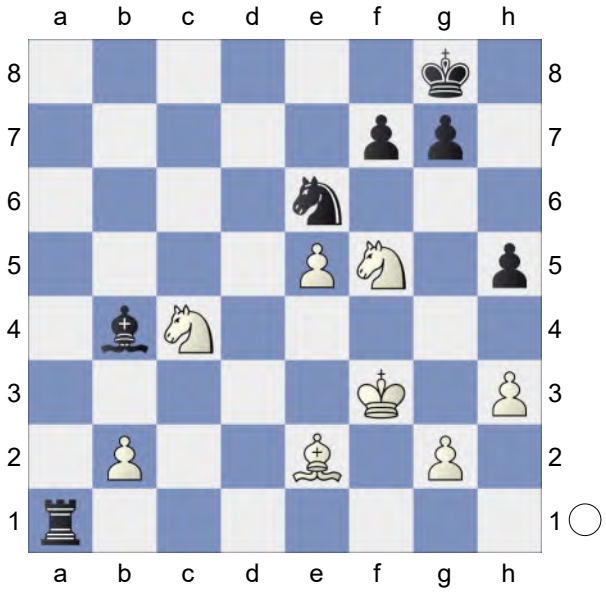


31.Ke2 , winning material in both cases. Or not so poisoned ... It really wasn't Lalith's day, otherwise he would surely have found **31...Nf4+** , freeing his knight and very much fighting on after **32.Kf3 Ne6 33.Nf5**

[33.Nxe6! Rxd1 34.Bxd1 fxe6]

33...Rxd1 . Or if **34.Bxd1 Ra1 35.Be2 h5**

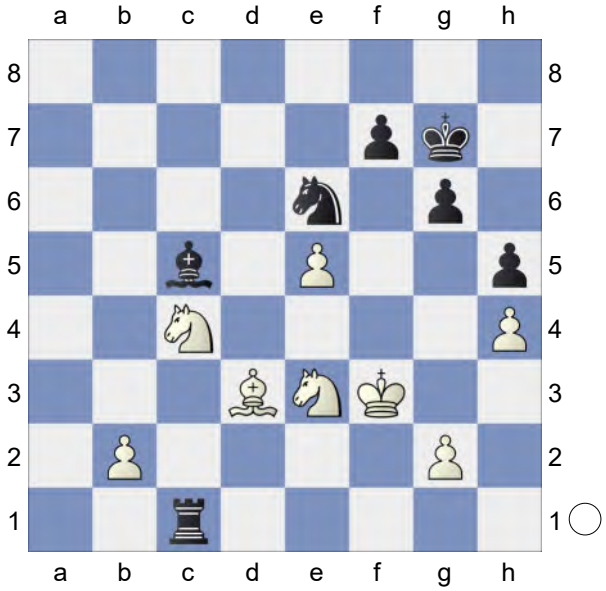


36.Bd3 Rd1!? 37.Ke2 Rc1 , with some initiative for White thanks to his diagonal-moving pieces. Hoping for ...g6. Another unexpected and rather

incomprehensible decision from Lalith. Instead, the calm **38.Kf3! g6 39.Nfe3 Bc5 40.h4** -2.51/23 would have offered Black reasonable play on the dark squares for his pawn.

[⌓40.Nd5 -1.93/20]

Ambitious, but **40...Kg7!-+**



would just have been simple and strong, since White is the quicker after **41.g3 Kf8 . 42.Ke2!? Nd4+ 43.Kf2**

[43.Kd2 ? Here one might imagine that Black might as well try Rg1 , but unfortunately this fails to]

43...Nc2 44.Ke2? -4.89/26 would have been grim, not to mention an extra pawn for White, but also wasn't such a ridiculous way to reduce Black's suffering.

[44.Bxc2 -2.72/24 Rxc2+ 45.Kf3 Bxe3 46.Nxe3 Rxb2 47.Nd5]

Of course, White is going to gambit b2 again after this, but what else to do in view of **44...Re1+**

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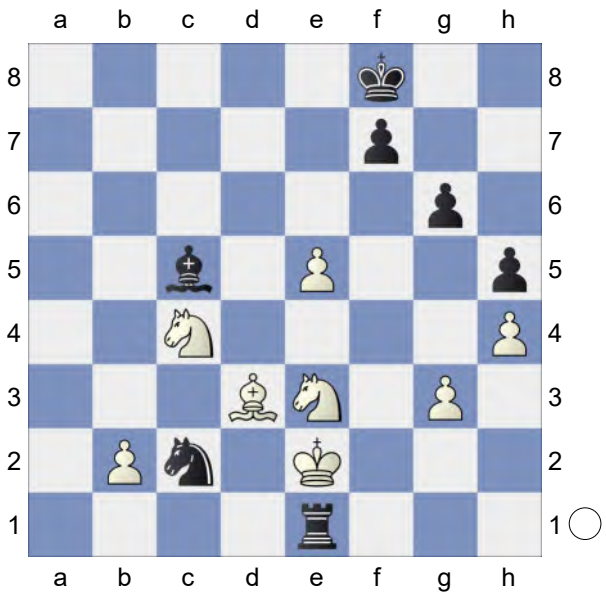

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise) . Loss on time!?

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116 **B12**
□ **Morozevich,Alexander** **2732**
■ **Bologan,Viktor** **2665**
RUS-chT 11th (2.1) 21.04.2004
[Lukacs,Peter]

1.e4 Lukacs Bologan,Viktor **1...c6** **2.d4** **d5** **3.f3** This is a typical example of Morozevich's opening choice. This is a typical example of Morozevich's opening choice. **3...e6** **4.Nc3** **Bb4** We have got a French with f3 and c6 inserted...We have got a French with f3 and c6 inserted... **5.Bf4** **Ne7**

[5...Nf6 6.Qd3 b6 Δ♗a6 Δ♗a6 *(6...0-0 7.Nge2 c5!?* - Odeev-Adianto, Asian-ch Calcutta 2001 CBM 85- Odeev-Adianto, Asian-ch Calcutta 2001 CBM 85*)* 7.Nge2 Ba6 *(7...0-0* - J.Polgar-Asrian, EU-ch Ohrid 2001 CBM 84- J.Polgar-Asrian, EU-ch Ohrid 2001 CBM 84 *)* 8.Qe3

A) 8...Nbd7?! is met by is met by 9.e5 and the ♘ has to retreat. and the ♘ has to retreat. Ng8 10.a3 Be7 Now the ♗ follows him... Now the ♗ follows him... 11.g4 Bh4+ 12.Bg3 Bxg3+ 13.Nxg3 Bxf1 14.Rxf1 Qe7 15.0-0-0 b5 16.Nb1 a5 17.f4 b4 18.f5± Gallagher-Dunn, London 1993 Gallagher-Dunn, London 1993;

B) 8...Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 Bxf1 10.Rxf1 0-0 *(10...Qd7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g4* Here in the ♙ race White comes first on the ». Here in the ♙ race White comes first on the ». *Rc8 13.Bg5 Ne8 14.f4 dxe4 15.f5±* Gallagher-Kelecevic, Bad Ragaz 1994 Gallagher-Kelecevic, Bad Ragaz 1994 *)* 11.0-0-0 Ne8

B1) 12.e5 Qc7 13.Kb1 c5 14.Nb5 *(14.Ne2 Nc6 15.dxc5 Na5* Black sacrifices the ♙ in order to open lines against the enemy ♔. Black sacrifices the ♙ in order to open lines against the enemy ♔. *16.cxb6 axb6 17.Nd4 Nc4 18.Qb3 Qb7⩱* Gallagher-Groszpeter, Lenk 1992 Gallagher-Groszpeter, Lenk 1992 *)* 14...Qc6 15.Nd6 Nd7∞;

B2) 12.Bg5!?;

B3) 12.Rfe1 Nd6 13.Qd3 Nc4∞;

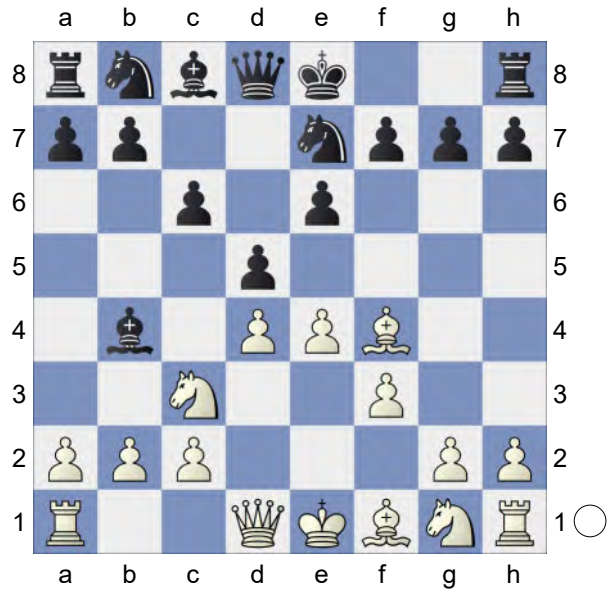
C) 8...0-0 9.0-0-0 It is already an achievement for white castling «. It is already an achievement for white castling «.

C1) 9...c5 10.a3 - 7...0-0 - 7...0-0 *(10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qd2 Nc6* Black has successfully finished his development. Black has successfully finished his development. *12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Rxd5 Nb4=* Nolan-Hopper, Largs 1998Nolan-Hopper, Largs 1998 *)*;

C2) 9...Nbd7 10.h3 Rc8 11.a3 Be7 *(11...Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 b5 14.Bd6* The ♗ works well here. The ♗ works well here. *Re8 15.e5 Nb6 16.b3 Nfd7 17.f4±* Murey-Saidy, New York 1989 Murey-Saidy, New York 1989*)* 12.g4 Ne8 13.g5 Nd6 14.Bxd6 Bxd6 15.h4 (W.Bauer-Nickel, corr 1990/91)(W.Bauer-Nickel, corr 1990/91) b5! 16.e5 Be7∞ Seirawan Seirawan;

C3) 9...Be7 10.g4 c5 *(10...b5 11.Ng3 b4 12.Nce2 Bc4∞*

with immense complications, Wall-Hodgson, GB-ch 1990. with immense complications, Wall-Hodgson, GB-ch 1990.*)* 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 ½-½ McShane-Dreev, Esbjerg 2003 ½-½ McShane-Dreev, Esbjerg 2003]



6.Qd3

[6.Nge2

A) 6...0-0 7.a3 *(7.Qd2 - 6.♕d2)* 7...Ba5

A1) 8.Qd2 Nd7

A1a) 9.e5 c5 In a French type of position the ♗ on f4, the ♘ on e2 are misplaced. In a French type of position the ♗ on f4, the ♘ on e2 are misplaced. 10.dxc5 Bc7 11.Nd4 Bxe5 12.Bxe5 Nxe5 13.f4 Nd7 14.b4 b6 15.c6 Nb8 16.b5 a6∓ and White cannot hold his "Vorpost" anymore, Gallagher-Khenkin, Geneve 1995 .and White cannot hold his "Vorpost" anymore, Gallagher-Khenkin, Geneve 1995.;

A1b) 9.g3 This is not a quiet positional system!This is not a quiet positional system! c5! 10.exd5 cxd4 11.Qxd4 *(11.dxe6?* is not correct: is not correct: *dxc3 12.exf7+ Rxf7 13.Nxc3 Kh8 14.0-0-0 Rf8 15.Bc4 Ng6* White has no compensation for the piece. White has no compensation for the piece. *16.Bd6 Rxf3 17.Qe2 Qg5+ 18.Kb1 Qe3-+* W.Watson-Sigfusson, Reykjavik 1989W.Watson-Sigfusson, Reykjavik 1989*)* 11...Nxd5=;

A1c) 9.Bg5 f6 10.Be3 e5 11.b4 Bb6 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Rd1 Re8∓ Lie-Ledger, Bergen op 2000Lie-Ledger, Bergen op 2000;

A1d) 9.h4 b5 10.Nc1? c5! 11.Nb3 *(11.dxc5 d4! 12.Qxd4 e5∓* Richards-Nataf, Rilton Cup 2003Richards-Nataf, Rilton Cup 2003*)* 11...cxd4 12.Nxa5 dxc3 13.Qxc3 e5∞;

A1e) 9.Bg3 b5 10.Nc1 Bb6 11.b4 a5 12.Nb3 axb4 13.axb4 Rxa1+ 14.Nxa1 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf5 16.Nb3 e5 17.Bf2 exd4 ½:½ Minasian-Asrian, ARM-ch Yerevan 2001 ½:½ Minasian-Asrian, ARM-ch Yerevan 2001;

A2) 8.Qd3 Δ 0-0-0 making things more wild.Δ 0-0-0 making things more wild. 8...Nd7 9.Bd6 Bc7 10.Bxc7 Qxc7 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Qe3 a5∞ making profit from the weakness of a3, Murrey-

Kharitonov, Moscow 1989. making profit from the weakness of a3, Murrey-Kharitonov, Moscow 1989.;

B) 6...Nd7 7.a3 Ba5 8.Qd3 dxe4 9.fxe4 e5 Black wants to gain control over × e5. Black wants to gain control over ✕ e5. 10.dxe5 Ng6 11.e6 fxe6 12.Bd6 Nde5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Qg3 Ng6∓ Ainsa-Izeta, Benasque 1996 Ainsa-Izeta, Benasque 1996;

C) 6...Ng6 7.Bg3 dxe4 8.fxe4 e5 9.Qd3 Bg4 10.a3 Ba5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Bxe2 Ngxe5 The ♘ is excellent on e5. The ♘ is excellent on e5. 14.Qe3 Qb6 15.Qxb6 Bxb6 16.0-0-0 f6∓ Mitkov-Magem Badals, San Sebastian 1993 Mitkov-Magem Badals, San Sebastian 1993]

[6.a3 Ba5 7.Nge2 0-0 - 6.♘ge2 - 6.♘ge2]

[6.Qd2 0-0 7.Nge2 - 6.♕d2 - 6.♕d2 Nd7 8.Ng3 dxe4 9.fxe4 e5 10.dxe5 Qa5 11.Bd3 Nxe5 12.0-0 N7g6 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Nf5 Be6∓ Ionica-Kharitonov, Montenegro Open 2004 Ionica-Kharitonov, Montenegro Open 2004]

6...b6 Δ♗a6 exchanging the " bad French ♗". Δ♗a6 exchanging the " bad French ♗".

[6...Nd7 is another way of development, sometimes e6-e5 may come. is another way of development, sometimes e6-e5 may come. 7.0-0-0 *(7.Nge2 dxe4 8.fxe4 e5! 9.dxe5 Ng6 10.e6 fxe6 11.Bd6 Nde5∓* Grafl-Flumbort, FSGM March Budapest 2004Grafl-Flumbort, FSGM March Budapest 2004*)* 7...0-0 8.Nge2 Nb6 - McShane-Minasian, EU-ch Istanbul 2003 CBM 96- McShane-Minasian, EU-ch Istanbul 2003 CBM 96]

7.Nge2 Ba6

[7...a5 8.a3 *(8.0-0-0 Ba6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.h4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.Bd6 Rc8 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7∓* and White's setup lacks any of harmony, Morozevich-Vallejo Pons, Amber Blindfold rapid 2004. and White's setup lacks any of harmony, Morozevich-Vallejo Pons, Amber Blindfold rapid 2004.*)* 8...Ba6 9.Qe3 Bd6 10.Ng3 Bxf1 11.Rxf1 Bxf4 12.Qxf4 Ng6 13.Qe3 0-0 14.0-0-0 b5_ and here we see the bright side of inserting a5-a3, there is a target on the «, Geenen-Arlandi, Athens 1997 .and here we see the bright side of inserting a5-a3, there is a target on the «, Geenen-Arlandi, Athens 1997.]

8.Qe3 0-0 9.0-0-0

[9.a3 Bd6 10.0-0-0 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Bxf1 12.Rhxf1 Qd6 13.Nd3 Nd7= with mutual chances with opposite castled kings.with mutual chances with opposite castled kings.]

9...c5 Bologan,Viktor: '!?'

[9...Ng6 is the another plan vacating also e7 for the retreat of the ♗. is the another plan vacating also e7 for the retreat of the ♗. 10.a3 *(10.Bg5 f6)* 10...Be7 11.Bg3 Nd7 12.Nf4 Bxf1 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Rhxf1 b5_ and the weakness of × a3 begins to tell. and the weakness of ✕ a3 begins to tell.]

10.a3

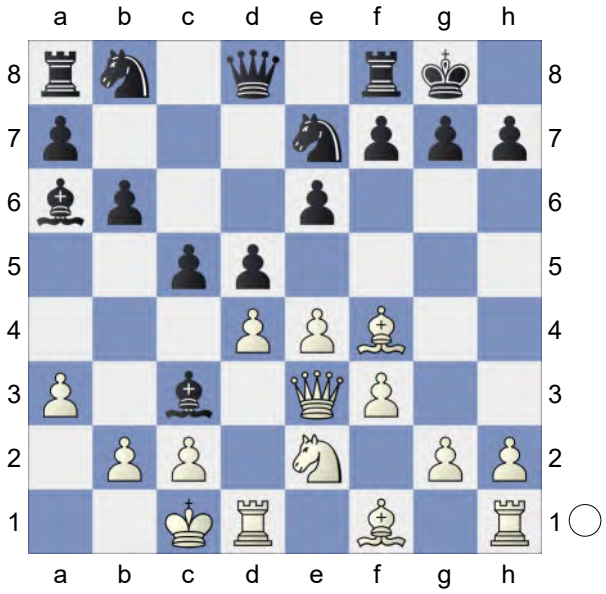
[10.dxc5 Bologan,Viktor Bxc5 *(10...bxc5!?)* 11.Qd2 Nbc6 12.exd5 exd5 13.Bg5 Rc8∞]

[10.exd5 Bologan,Viktor exd5

11.dxc5 Bxc5]

10...Bxc3

[10...cxd4 solves only White's problem of development.solves only White's problem of development. 11.Nxd4 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 - 10...cxd4 - 10...cxd4 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Nd7 14.Bg5 Rc8 15.Qe3! *(15.Qb4 Nc5 16.exd5 f6! 17.Nc6 Nxc6 18.dxc6 Qc7 19.Be3 Qxc6∞)* 15...Re8 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.exd5± creating an isolated ♙ on d5 which is well-blockeded by the ♘ .creating an isolated ♙ on d5 which is well-blockeded by the ♘.]



11.Qxc3

[11.Nxc3 Bologan,Viktor Bxf1 12.Rhxf1 Nbc6 13.dxc5 d4 14.Qe2 Ng6 15.Bg3 bxc5∓]

11...Bxe2 Bologan,Viktor: '!'

[11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 - 10...cxd4]

[11...Nd7 Bologan,Viktor 12.Bd6]

12.Bxe2 c4!? Bologan,Viktor: '∓' Closing the position against the ♗ is usually a wise strategy and here Black wants to attack on the ♔. Closing the position against the ♗ is usually a wise strategy and here Black wants to attack on the ♔.

[12...cxd4 13.Qxd4 Nbc6 14.Qf2±]

13.h4 b5 Bologan,Viktor: 'N'

[13...Nbc6 14.h5 b5 15.h6 g6 now the dark squares are theoretically weakened on the ♕, but the continuation of the ♙ attack is problematic.now the dark squares are theoretically weakened on the ♕, but the continuation of the ♙ attack is problematic. 16.g4 Nc8 17.Qe3 *(17.g5 a5)* 17...Nb6 18.Bg5 f6 19.Bh4 Qd7 Bologan,Viktor: '∓' 20.Rhe1 b4 Black has real threats on the ♔. Black has real threats on the ♔. 21.Bf1 Rae8 22.axb4 Nxb4 23.Qa3

A) 23...Qd6? Now the pin is a problem. Now the pin is a problem. 24.Kb1!± leaving all the tactical motifs connected with a ♘ check, Nataf-Motylev, Istanbul 2003 CBM 96. leaving all the tactical motifs connected with a ♘ check, Nataf-Motylev, Istanbul 2003 CBM 96. *(24.e5 fxe5 25.dxe5 Qc5 26.c3 Nd3+ 27.Bxd3 Qxa3 28.bxa3 cxd3 29.Rxd3 Nc4∞)*;

B) 23...Qb5!? looks more to the point. looks more to the point.]

14.Qe1

[14.h5 a5→]

14...Nbc6 15.h5 Qd7

[15...dxe4?! gives up the stronghold in the ⊞ for a ♙, but the opening of the position helps only for White's ♗. gives up the stronghold in the ⊞ for a ♙, but the opening of the position helps only for White's ♗. 16.fxe4 Nxd4 17.Kb1 Qb6 *(17...Nec6 18.h6 g6 19.c3 Qf6 20.Bd6 Rfd8 21.Rf1 Δ ♕f2 Δ ♕f2)* 18.h6 g6 19.Qh4±]

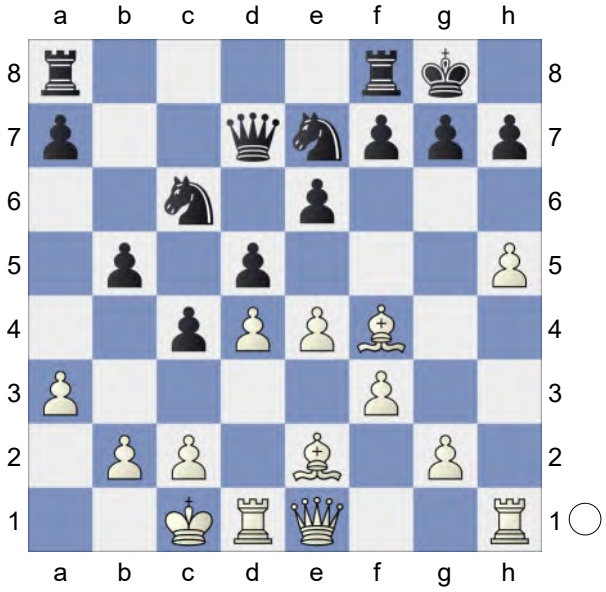
[15...f5 Bologan,Viktor

A) 16.Qh4 fxe4 *(16...Qd7 17.Be3*

fxe4 18.fxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4) 17.fxe4 dxe4 18.Bg5;

B) 16.h6 g6 17.Qh4 fxe4 18.fxe4 dxe4 19.Bg5]

[15...a5 Bologan,Viktor 16.g4 b4 17.h6 g6]



16.g4

[16.h6 Bologan,Viktor g6 17.Qh4 f6 18.c3 a5]

16...f6

[16...b4!? was the quick way the grab the ↑ on the «.was the quick way the grab the ↑ on the «. 17.axb4 Qb7 18.h6 g6 19.Bd6 a5 20.b5 Qxb5 21.Qh4 f6∞]

17.Bf1 Rad8

[17...Nxd4!? 18.Rxd4 *(18.exd5 e5; 18.Qf2* Bologan,Viktor *e5 19.Be3 dxe4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Rxd4 Qc7∓)* 18...e5 19.Rd1 exf4 deserved attention as well.deserved attention as well. 20.Qd2 Bologan,Viktor Rad8 21.Qxf4 Qe6]

[17...dxe4 Bologan,Viktor 18.fxe4 Nxd4 19.h6 g5 20.Bd2 Nec6]

[17...a5 Bologan,Viktor 18.Bh3 b4 19.h6 *(19.a4 Nd8 20.b3 cxb3 21.cxb3 Rc8+ 22.Kb2 Rc3 23.Rc1 Rxc1 24.Bxc1 Ndc6-+)* 19...g6]

18.Bh3

[18.g5!? f5∞]

18...dxe4 Bologan,Viktor: '?'

[18...a5 19.g5 f5 20.g6 *(20.e5* Bologan,Viktor *b4∓)* 20...h6 21.Qe3 White is ready for the typical sacrifice on h6. White is ready for the typical sacrifice on h6. b4 22.Bxh6! c3! 23.Bg5 cxb2+ 24.Kxb2 bxa3+ 25.Ka1↑]

19.fxe4 Nxd4 20.g5 f5?! Black wants to avoid the opening of his ».

[20...b4! was an interesting way of creating counterchances against the enemy ♔ .was an interesting way of creating counterchances against the enemy ♔.

A) 21.h6? bxa3 22.Rxd4 a2-+;

B) 21.Qe3? bxa3 *(21...c3 22.bxc3 bxc3 23.gxf6↑)* 22.bxa3 Nec6 23.gxf6 Qb7→;

C) 21.gxf6? bxa3!! is the main idea! is the main idea! 22.fxe7 a2 23.exf8Q+ Rxf8 24.Kd2 *(24.Bxe6+ Qxe6 25.Qa5 Ne2+ 26.Kd2 Nxf4∓)* 24...Rxf4!-+ Morozevich Morozevich;

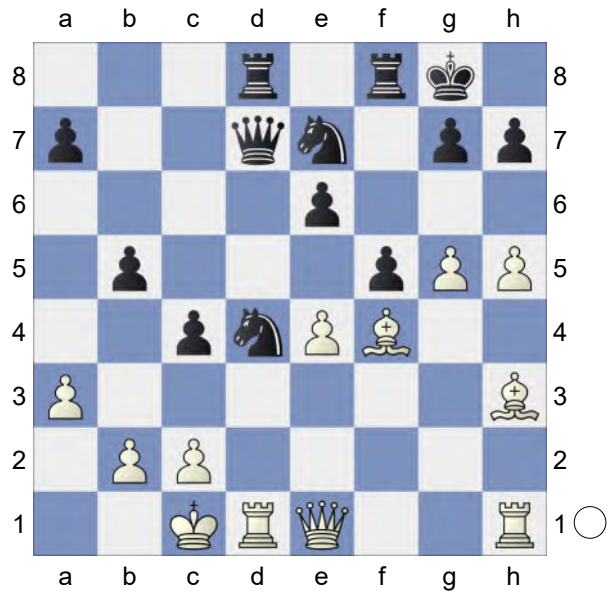
D) 21.Be3! is the cold-blooded answer. is the cold-blooded answer.

D1) 21...bxa3? is now inferior due to is now inferior due to 22.Rxd4 a2 *(22...axb2+ 23.Kxb2 Qb5+ 24.Kc1 Rb8 25.Bxe6+ Kh8 26.h6+-)* 23.Qa5+-;

D2) 21...Nec6 22.axb4 *(22.gxf6?! bxa3→)* 22...Qe7 23.gxf6 Qxf6 24.h6→ Morozevich Morozevich]

[20...fxg5 Bologan,Viktor 21.Bxg5 Qe8 22.h6 g6 23.Rxd4 Rxd4

24.Bxe6+ Kh8 25.Qg3 Nc6 26.Qc7+-]



Black wants to avoid the opening of his ». **21.Kb1!**
[21.h6 Bologan,Viktor Nec6 22.hxg7 Qxg7 23.exf5 exf5 24.Kb1±]
21...Qc6 22.h6 Bologan,Viktor: '!'
[22.Bg2 Qc5]
22...fxe4?
[22...Qxe4? loses to loses to 23.Qxe4 fxe4 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 25.Bxe6+ Rf7 26.Rf1+-]
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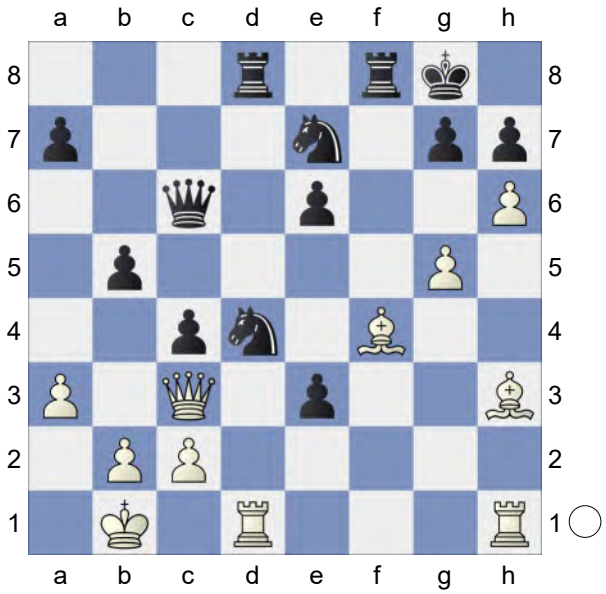
23.Qc3! **e3?** Bologan,Viktor: '!'
This is based on miscalculation.
[23...Nef5? 24.hxg7 Nxg7 25.Be5±]
[23...Qb6 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 *(24...Qxd4 25.Bxe6+ Rf7 26.Qxd4 Rxd4 27.Rf1+-)* 25.Bc7!+- Bologan,Viktor: '!']
[23...Ndf5! was the only chance to defend, for example:was the only chance to defend, for example: 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.hxg7 *(25.Bxf5 Nxf5 26.hxg7 e3)* 25...e3 26.Re1 Nd5! *(26...Qf3 27.Qf6 Qxf4 28.Qxe6+ Kxg7 29.Bxf5±)* 27.Qe5 Nxf4 28.Qxf4±]



This is based on miscalculation.
24.Rxd4!+- Bologan,Viktor: '!'
[24.Qxe3 Bologan,Viktor Ndf5 25.Bxf5 Nxf5 26.Qxa7±]
24...Qxh1+
[24...b4 Bologan,Viktor 25.axb4 Qxh1+ 26.Ka2]
25.Ka2 Qxh3

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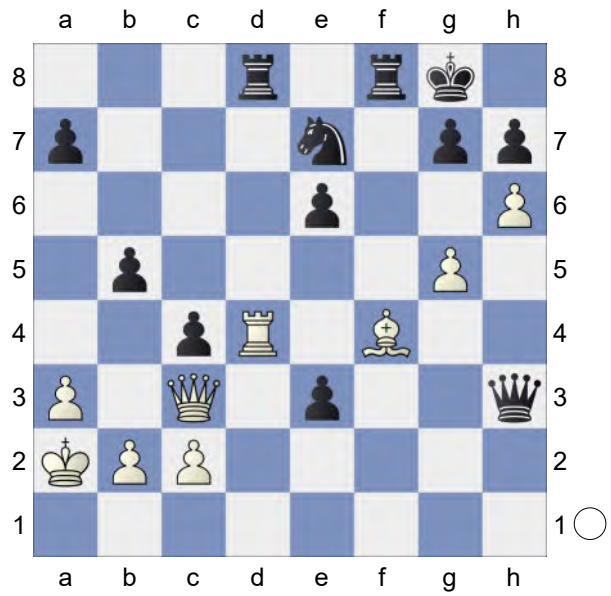

26.Rxd8 gxh6

[26...Nf5 27.Qe5! *(27.Rxf8+* Bologan,Viktor *Kxf8 28.hxg7+ Nxg7 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.Be5 Ne8 31.Qh8+ Kf7 32.g6+! Kxg6 33.Qxe8+ Kf5 34.Qxb5+-)* 27...Qh5 *(27...Rxd8 28.Qxe6+ Kh8 29.hxg7+ Kxg7 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qxd8+ Kf7 32.Qd7++-)* 28.Qxe6+ Qf7 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7 30.g6+! hxg6 *(30...Kxg6 31.Rxf8)* 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.h7+- is an impressive analysis by Morozevich!is an impressive analysis by Morozevich!]

27.gxh6 Qg4 28.Qh8+

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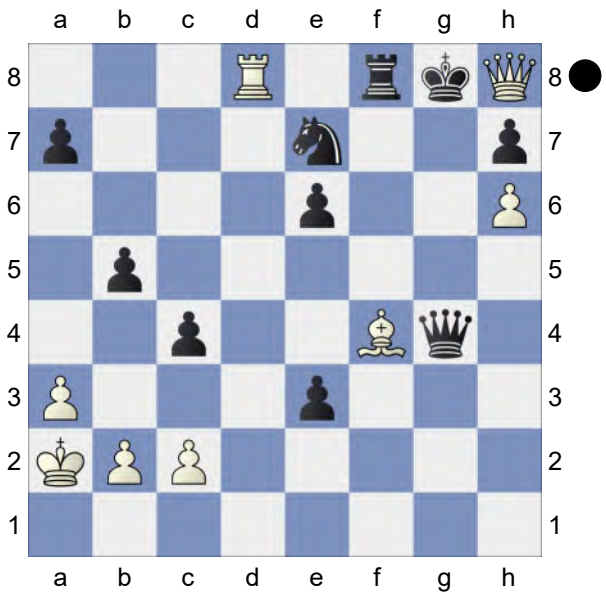

Bologan,Viktor: '!'

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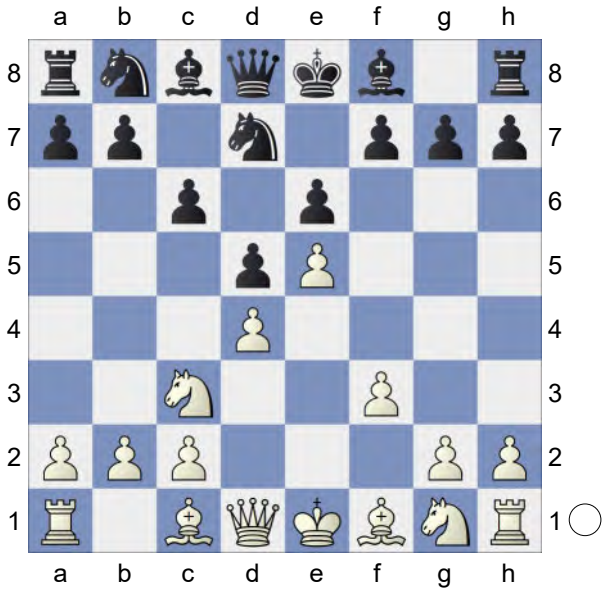
□ **Aryan,C** **2627**
■ **Karthik Rajaa** **2327**
28. Masters Abudhabi UAE (1.16)
[Grigoriants,Sergey]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7



6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 a6

[8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Qd2 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Nd7 16.Na4 Ke7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Kd2 Nf8 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nb3 Nf8 21.g4 g6 22.h4 Bd7 23.Nd4 1-0 (32) Zhalmakhanov,R (2497)-Abuzyarov,A (1851) FIDE World Bl Team Pool E blitz 2024 (7.8)]

9.Ne2N

[9.a3 Rb8 10.Qd2 Be7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.Bd3 b5 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Ne2 0-0 18.c3 Bd7 19.a4 Qe8 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Ned4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 f5 23.a5 Qf7 ½-½ (65) Curtis,R (2341)-9. ♗h4 d5 10.e3 ♘bd7 69281 (2520) Copenhagen 1999 (3)]

9...b5 10.c3! The best is to prepare good action against b5-b4.

[10.h4!? This move order is also possible. In rapid games, it is not uncommon to find mistakes. Nevertheless, the game demonstrated the main ideas of the sides.

A) 10...b4! 11.h5 *(11.c3 Rb8∞)* 11...Be7 12.c3 bxc3 13.bxc3 0-0∞;

B) 10...Qb6 11.h5 *(11.c3 b4 12.Kf2±)* 11...b4 12.c3 *(12.c4!?)* 12...a5

B1) 13.f5!?± Trying to take the pawn will just make things worse for Black: exf5 0.63/17 *(13...a4!= 0.04/15)* 14.Nf4! Ne7 1.33/19 *(14...Qb7± 0.62/17)* 15.c4!?+-;

B2) 13.Kf2 Probably it was already possible to start with 13...a4 14.Rb1 h6 *(14...a3 15.h6 g6 16.cxb4 Nxb4* would leave more chances for counterplay.*)* 15.f5!± a3 1.15/18 *(15...Be7± 0.33/18)* 16.Nf4 0.58/17 *(16.fxe6± 1.15/18 fxe6 17.Qc2)* 16...axb2 1.10/19 Black reached his aim, but it was still too slow, and after *(16...exf5± 0.58/17 17.Nxd5 Qb7)* 17.Rxb2± White is simply winning according to engine. cxd4 18.cxd4 Ra3 2.60/19 *(18...exf5± 1.44/19* is a better defense. *19.Nxd5 Qb7)* 19.Bd3 1.35/20 *(19.fxe6+- 2.60/19 fxe6 20.Bd3)* 19...exf5 20.Re1 1.07/17 Black has too many weaknesses: It's just a matter of moves. *(⌓20.Qe2 1.45/19)*

20...Nd8 1.80/17 *(20...Be7± 1.07/17)* 21.Bxf5 Qa5? 3.22/20 *(21...Qb7± 1.56/17 22.Kg1 Nb6)* 22.Qb1 Threatens to win with e6. Be7 3.39/19 *(⌓22...Nb6 2.07/18 23.Bxc8 Nxc8)* 23.e6! fxe6? 6.06/20 *(23...Nxe6 3.46/21 24.Bxe6 0-0)* 24.Bxe6+- Qa6 25.Qg6+ Kf8 26.Qf5+ Ke8 27.Bd2 Nb6 28.Bxb4 White wants to mate with Bd7+! Rxa2 29.Bd7+ 1-0 Niemann-Erigaisi, chess.com 2022]

10...Bb7

[10...b4 11.cxb4 cxd4 12.Nexd4 Bxb4+ 13.Kf2 Nxd4 14.Bxd4!?± White keeps a solid edge.]

[10...Qb6 11.a3! A useful move to overprotect the b4 square. *(11.f5?! cxd4 12.Nexd4 Ndxe5; 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Ned4 b4!P)* 11...a5 *(11...Be7 12.dxc5! Bxc5 13.Ned4±; 11...Bb7 12.dxc5! Bxc5 13.Ned4 0-0 14.Bd3±* Prraneeth-Tanmay, Stockholm 2023*)* 12.f5! cxd4 1.08/20 *(Black should try 12...Be7± 0.42/16)* 13.Nexd4!± Ndxe5? 2.42/21 *(13...Nxd4* (Rodchenkov-Buchenau, chess.com 2022) *14.Nxd4! exf5 15.Bd3!±; 13...Bc5±* 0.91/21 *)* 14.Bxb5+-]

[10...Be7 11.Ng3 b4

A) 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0

A1) 13...bxc3! Black has to generate counterplay on the queenside. 14.bxc3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nb6! 16.Rc1 *(16.f5 exf5!)* 16...Na5!_;

A2) 13...bxc3= -0.05/19 is superior. 14.bxc3 c4;

A3) 13...g6?! 0.43/20 It stops f4-f5 but just temporary. (Fataliyeva-Danielian, Senta 2023) 14.cxb4!± cxb4 15.Rc1 Bb7 16.Bd3!↑;

B) 12.Bd3! The bishop stands best here, where it prepares some f4-f5 action.

B1) 12...Qa5 13.0-0 *(13.Rc1!? bxc3 14.bxc3 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4±*) 13...bxc3 14.bxc3 Qxc3 15.Rc1 Qa3! And now ...Nb4! would win. 16.f5! Nb4 17.Bd2! Nxd3 *(17...Qxd3* 0.03/21 17...Nxd3 -0.43 *18.Rc3! Qb5 19.Nh5! Rg8 20.fxe6 fxe6* aiming for ...a5. *21.Ng5!→)* 18.Rc3 Qxa2 ...c4 would now be deadly. 19.Rxd3⩲;

B2) 12...g6 13.0-0

B2a) 13...0-0? 14.f5! A nice variation. It shows how the bishop stands powerfully on d3. exf5 15.Nxf5! gxf5 16.Bxf5 Nb6 1.11/20 *(16...Rb8=* 0.17/18 *)* 17.Bxh7+!!± Kxh7?? 16.81/21 *(17...Kg7±* 0.40/21 *)* 18.Ng5+!+- Bxg5 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Bxg5+-;

B2b) 13...a5

B2b1) 14.Rf2!? c4 *(14...Ba6* 0.44/18 14...c4 0.06 *15.f5! Bxd3 16.fxe6! fxe6 17.Qxd3±)* 15.Bb1 Nb6 16.Nh5! gxh5 0.73/22 *(16...a4=* -0.01/19 keeps the balance.*)* 17.Ng5± Rf8! 18.Qxh5 Na4 19.Bxh7 bxc3 1.05/20 *(19...Kd7!±* 0.57/19 is more appropriate.*)* 20.bxc3± Nxc3 21.Rc1! Nb5 22.Nxf7! Rxf7 23.f5! Nbxd4

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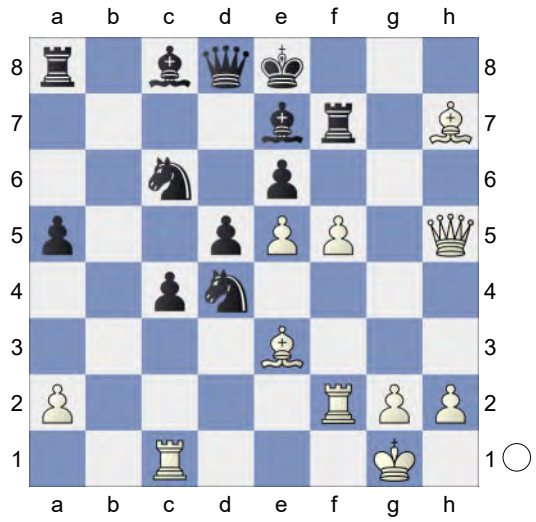
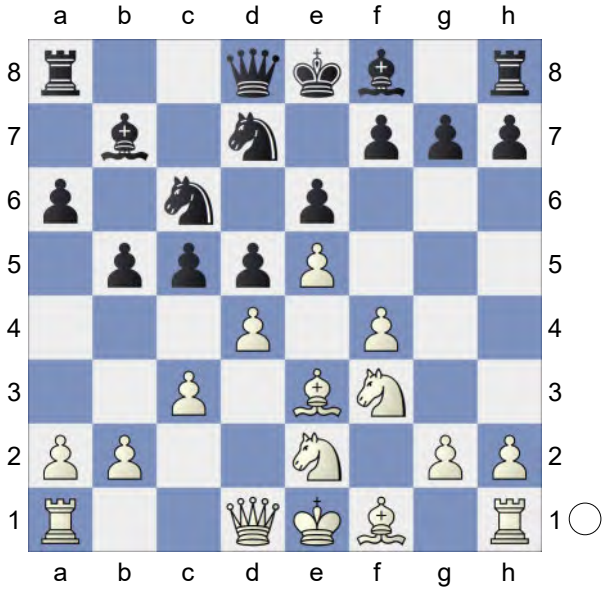


24.Bg8! Kd7! 25.Bxf7 Black must now prevent f6. Kc7 26.Rd1!↑;

B2b2) 14.f5!? exf5 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.Nxf5 Nf8! 17.Ng7+ Kd7 18.dxc5 Kc7 19.Nd4!⩲;

B3) 12...0-0 13.f5±]



11.h4! White has an edge.One of the key ideas of this variation.

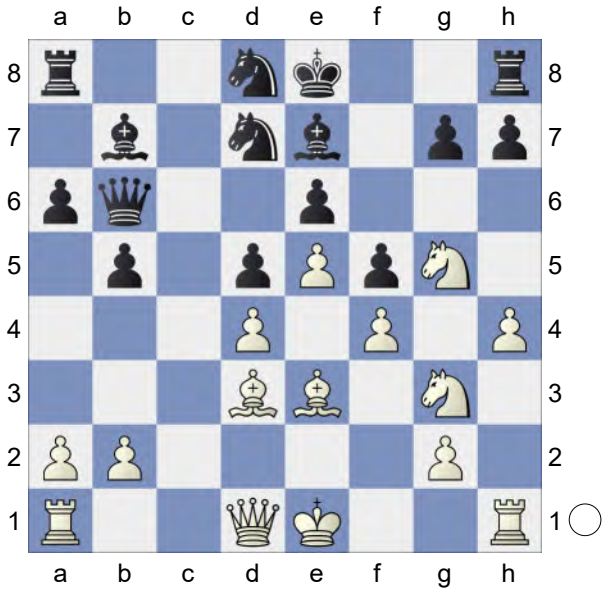
[The calmer positional approach with 11.g3 is also possible, but we will concentrate on pushing the h-pawn.]

[11.Ng3!? Be7 12.Bd3±]

11...Be7 12.Ng3! This turns out to be a good place for the knight, which can support the f5 break idea. **12...Qb6 13.Bd3! cxd4** The battle becomes one-sided as White's queenside is safe and Black's kingside is on fire.

[13...b4 14.0-0 g6 15.h5 a5 but White can save his strong bishop: 16.Bc2!? Ba6 17.Rf2± And the black king will struggle to find a safe place.]

14.cxd4 f5 15.Ng5 Nd8



16.Nh5!? White is more active.

[16.Rc1!?±]

16...g6 17.g4! Nf8 1.25/18

[Better is 17...h6 0.79/16]

18.Nf6+ Bxf6 19.exf6 Nf7 20.h5 Nd7 2.38/19

[20...Nh6 1.62/17 was necessary.]

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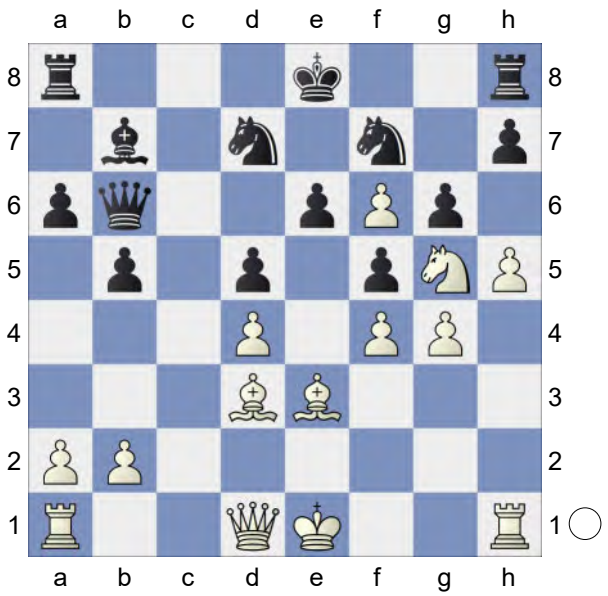
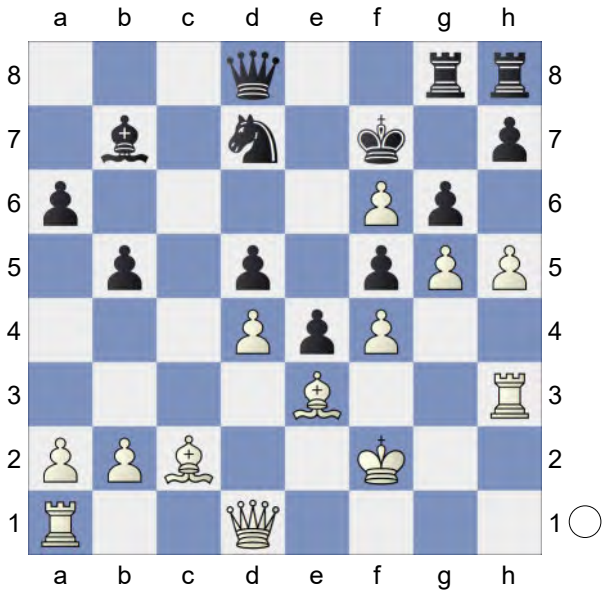
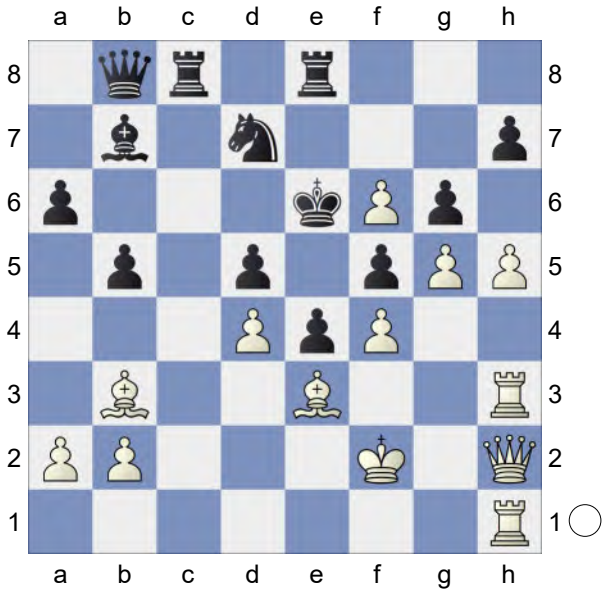


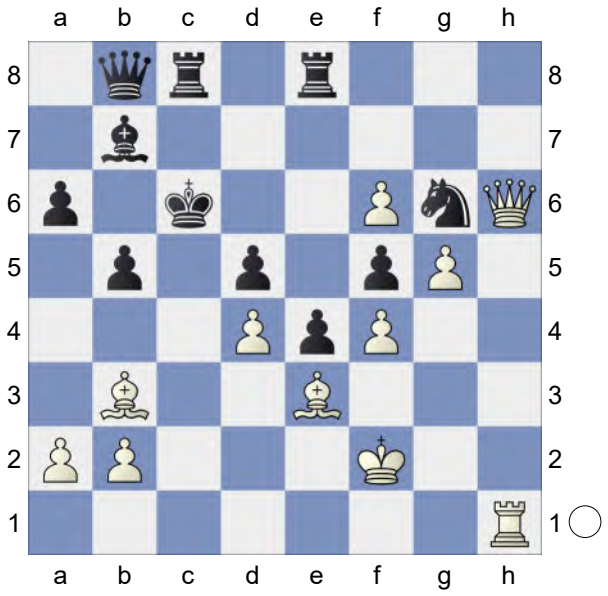
21.Nxf7!+- Kxf7 22.g5 e5 23.Bc2
[23.dxe5 Qxe3+ 24.Qe2 Qg3+ *(24...Qxf4? too greedy. 25.e6+ Ke8 26.hxg6+-)* 25.Kd1 Nc5-+ *(25...Qxf4? 26.e6+ Kg8 27.exd7+-)*]
23...e4 24.Kf2 Rag8 25.Rh3 Black is weak on the dark squares **25...Qd8** 2.37/20
[25...h6 1.93/17 might work better.]



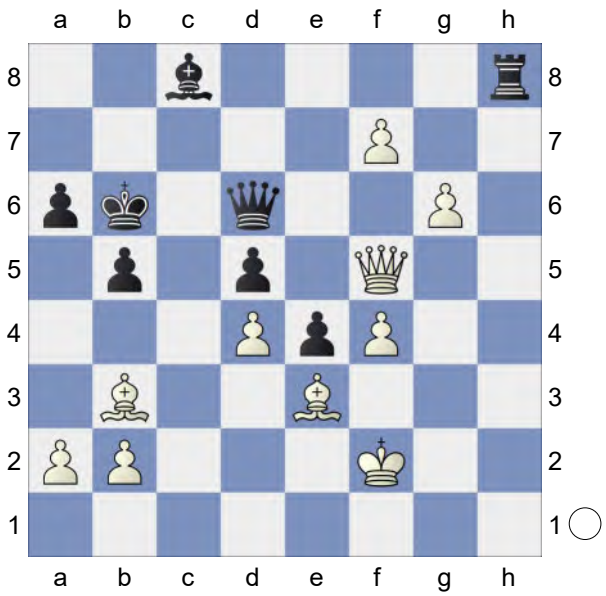
26.Qh1 Ke6 27.Qh2 Qc7 28.Rc1 Qb8 29.Rh1 Rc8? 3.67/20
[29...Nf8 2.11/19 keeps fighting. 30.hxg6 Rxg6]
30.Bb3 Rhe8



31.hxg6 hxg6 32.Rh7 Nf8 33.Rg7 Kd6 5.36/19
[⌓33...a5 3.81/19 34.Bd1 Kd6]
34.Qh6 Strongly threatening Rxg6. White is clearly winning. **34...Kc6** 7.85/20
[⌓34...Bc6 4.34/18 35.Rxg6 Bd7]
35.Rxg6 Hoping for f7+. **35...Nxg6**



36.Qxg6 Intending f7+ and mate.
36...Qd6 37.Qxf5 Kb6 38.f7 Rh8 39.Rxh8 Rxh8 40.g6 Bc8



41.Qg5 Rh2+ 42.Kg1 Re2 43.g7 Qb4 44.Qd8+ 6.00/5

[44.f8B? Qe1#]

[⌓44.Qg3 22.62/20 Qe1+ 45.Qxe1 Remove Defender, Deflection Rxe1+ 46.Kf2 Rc1 47.g8Q *(47.f8N Rb1+-)* 47...Rc6 48.f8Q *(48.f8R Bb7 49.Rb8 b4 50.Ba4 Rc7 51.Qd8 b3 52.Qd6+ Ka5 53.Bd2+ Rc3 54.Bxc3+ Kxa4 55.Qb4#)* 48...Ka7 49.Qgg7+ *(49.Bxd5 Rc2+ 50.Kg3 Rc7 51.Qxc8 Rxc8 52.Qxc8 Kb6 53.Qd8+ Ka7 54.Qc7#)* 49...Bb7 50.Qfe7 *(50.Bxd5 Rc2+ 51.Kg1 Rg2+ 52.Kxg2 Kb6 53.Qxb7+ Ka5 54.Qa3#)* 50...Kb6 51.Qxb7+ Ka5 52.Qxc6 b4 53.Qgc7#]

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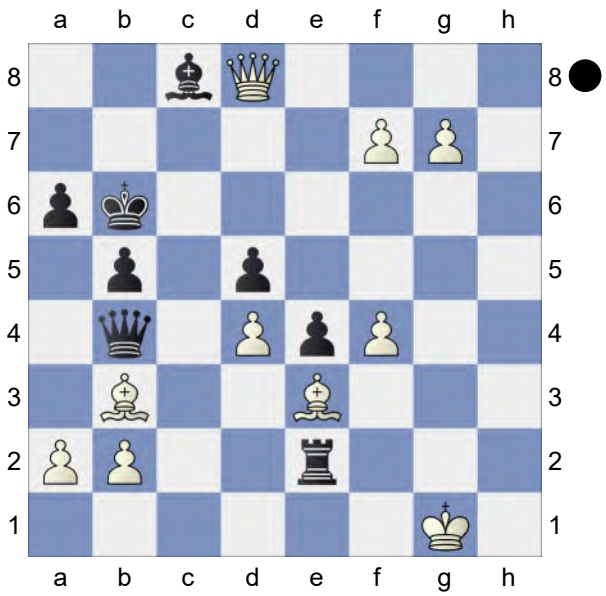

White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.40

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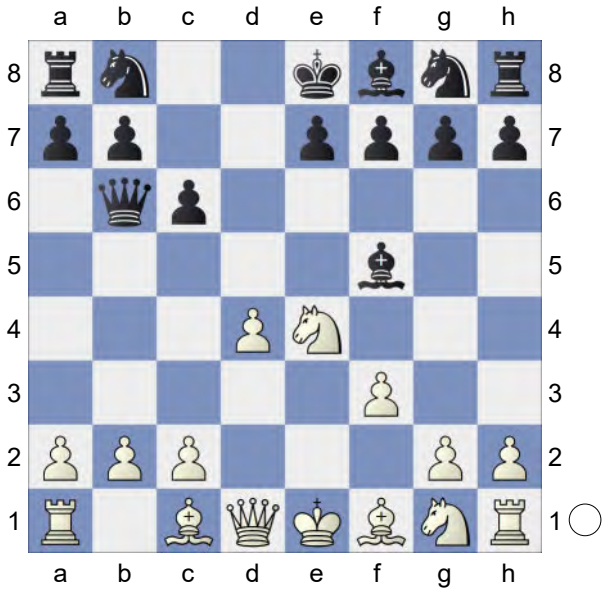
118 **B12**
□ **Mitkov,Nikola** **2529**
■ **Gelashvili,Tamaz** **2596**
Open Philadelphia, PA USA (1) 22.04.11
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bf5



6.c3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Bg6

[7...e5 8.Ne2 exd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Kh1 Bxd2 13.Qxd2 Rad8 14.Rac1 Bg6 15.Bc4 Qc7 16.b4 Nb6 17.Bb3 Nbd5 18.b5 Qb6 19.bxc6 Nxc6 20.Rc5 Ndb4 21.Qc3 Na6 22.Rd5 (25) Timofeev,A (2655)-Jobava,B (2695) Rijeka 2010]

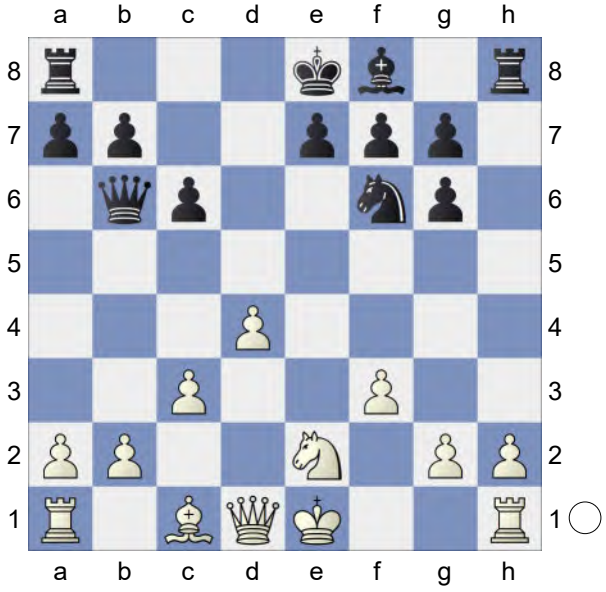
8.Ne2 The position is equal.

[8.f4 e6 9.Nf3 Ngf6 10.Ng3 Bd6 11.0-0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.Kh1 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Qe2 Tseshkovsky,V (2528)-Feuerstack,A (2404) 111/(48) Moscow 2011]

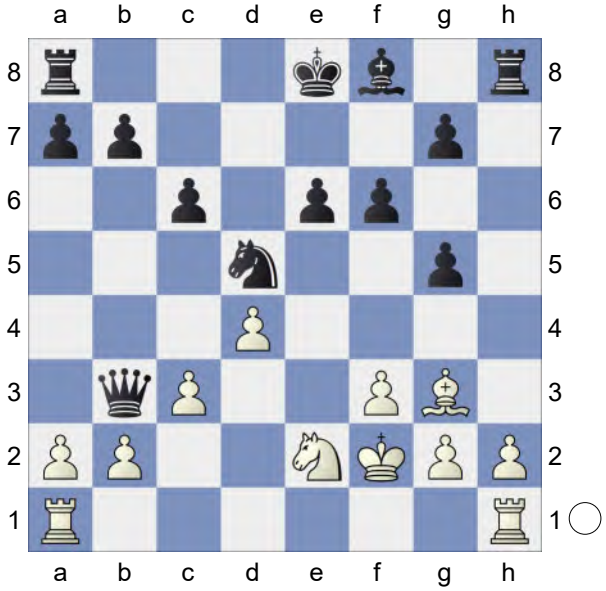
8...Ngf6 9.Nxf6+N

[9.Qb3 0-0-0 10.Bg5 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Bxe4 12.fxe4 f6 13.Be3 e5 14.Ng3 exd4 15.cxd4 Bd6 16.Kf2 Rhe8 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rac1 f5 19.d5 c5 20.exf5 Nf6 21.Bxc5 Ng4+ 22.Kf1 Bxc5 23.Qxc5+ Kb8 (30) 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.a3 a5_39342-N,N 88/144 Enghien les Bains 2003 24.Qxb6 axb6 25.h3 Ne3+ 26.Kf2 Rxd5 27.Rhe1 Rd2+ 28.Kf3 Rd3 29.Kf2 Rd2+ 30.Kf3 Rd3 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.a3 a5_35918 88/144 Enghien les Bains 2003]

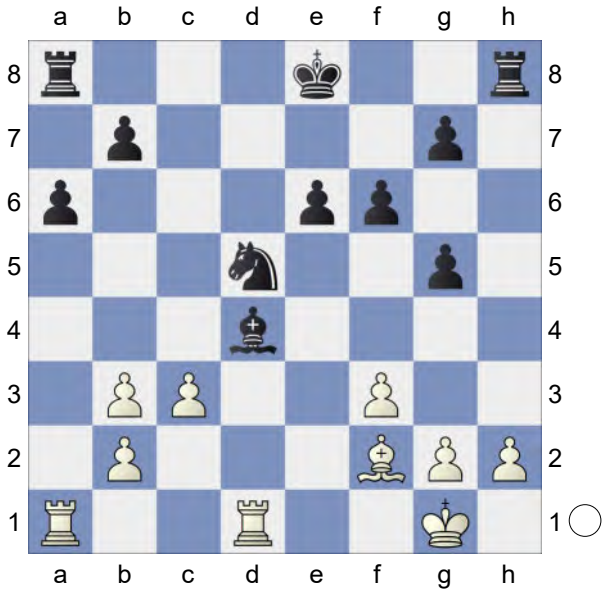
9...Nxf6 10.Bxg6 hxg6



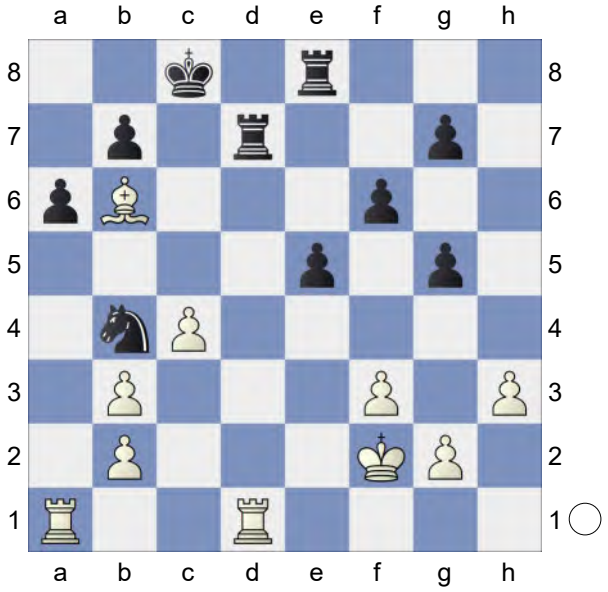
11.Qb3 e6 12.Bf4 Nd5 13.Be5 g5 14.Kf2 f6 15.Bg3 Qxb3



16.axb3 c5 17.Rhd1 a6 18.Kg1 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Bc5 20.Bf2 Bxd4



21.Bxd4 0-0-0 22.c4 Nb4 Hoping for ... Nc2. **23.Bb6 Rd7 24.h3 e5 25.Kf2 Re8**



26.Rxd7 Kxd7= Endgame. KRB-KRN **27.Rd1+! Kc6 28.Ba5 Nc2 29.Bc3** Wards off Nd4 **29...Re7** 0.37/23

[29...Re6= 0.01/24 is superior.]

30.b4!± Re6

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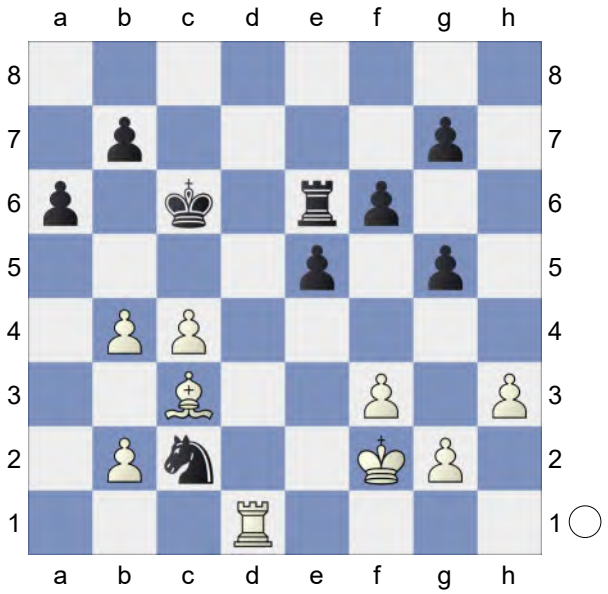


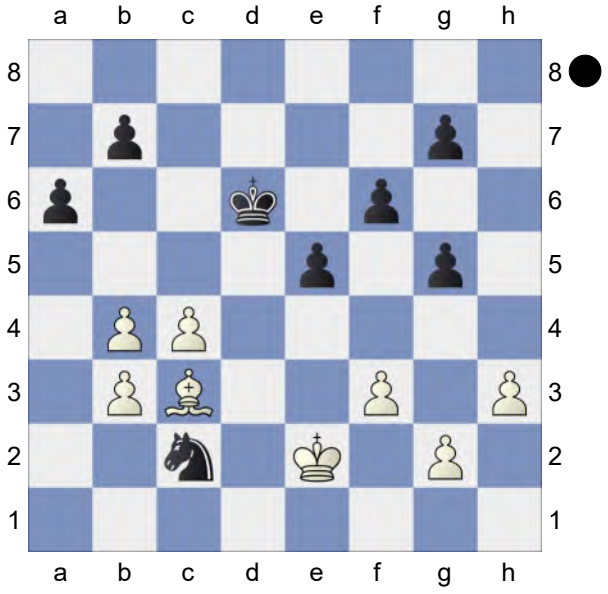
31.b3 0.09/25

[31.Rd2± 0.49/23 Na1 32.Rd8]

31...Rd6= 32.Rxd6+

[32.Rc1!? Nd4□ 33.Bxd4 Rxd4 *(33...exd4 34.Rd1=)* 34.Ke2=]

32...Kxd6 KB-KN **33.Ke2**



And now Kd3 would win. **33...Nd4+! 34.Bxd4 exd4** KP-KP **35.Kd3 Ke5**

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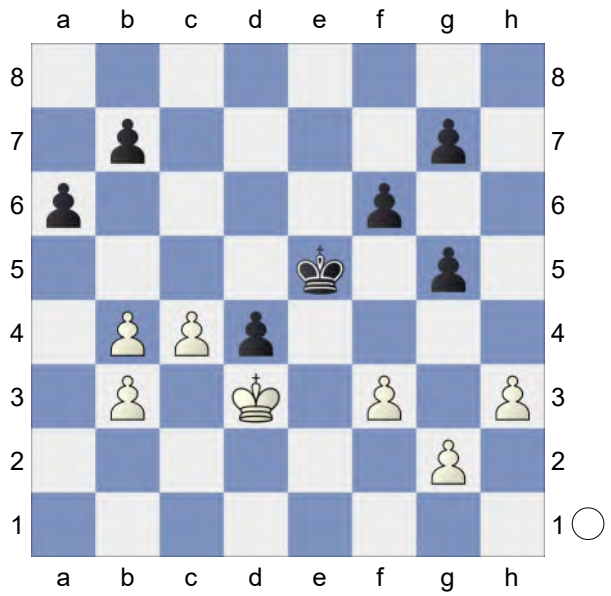
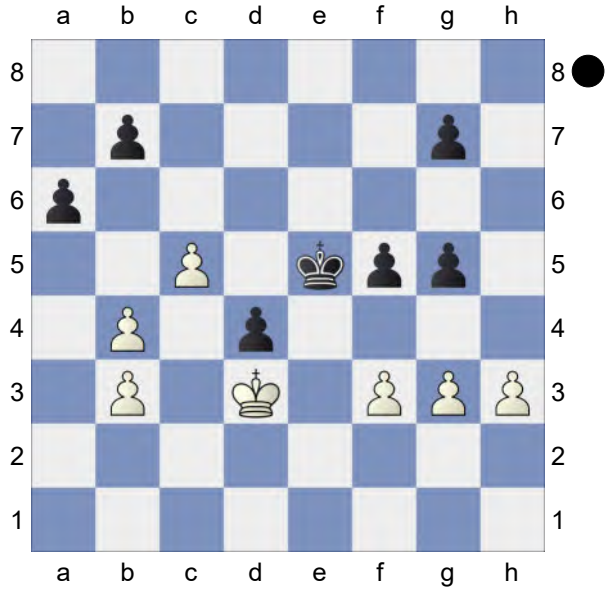


36.g3 f5 1.31/22
[36...g6= 0.02/23 keeps the balance.]
37.c5? -11.02/26
[37.h4± 1.31/22]



Now White is beyond hope. **37...g4!**
38.hxg4 fxg4 39.fxg4 g5 40.Kd2 Ke4

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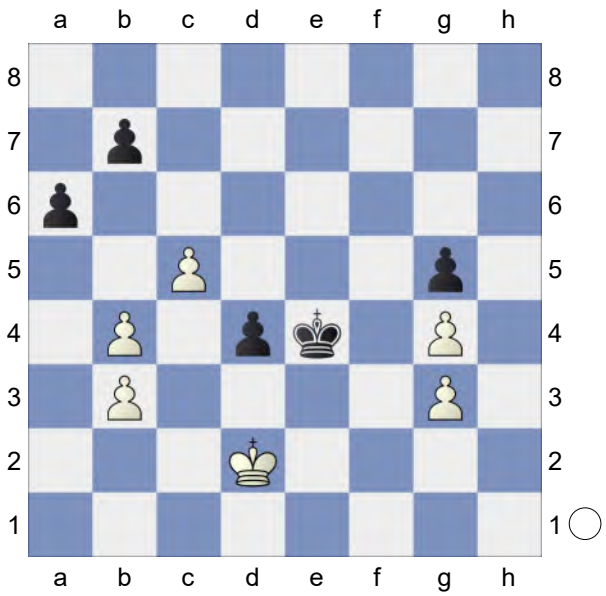
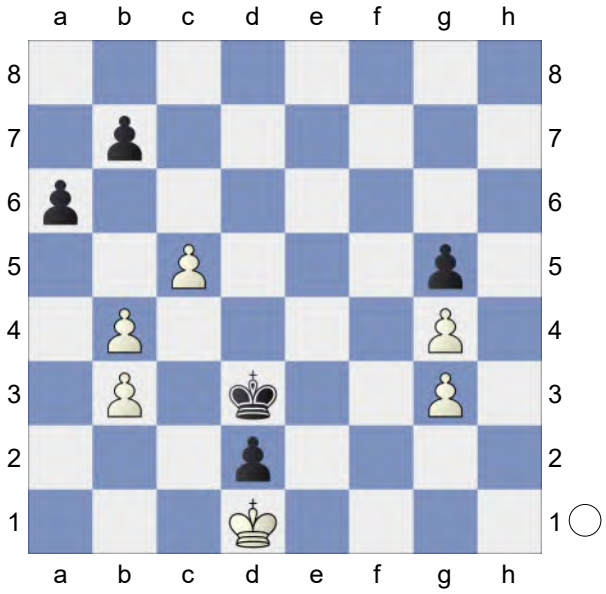


41.Ke2 d3+ 42.Kd1 Ke3 43.Ke1 d2+ 44.Kd1 Kd3



Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
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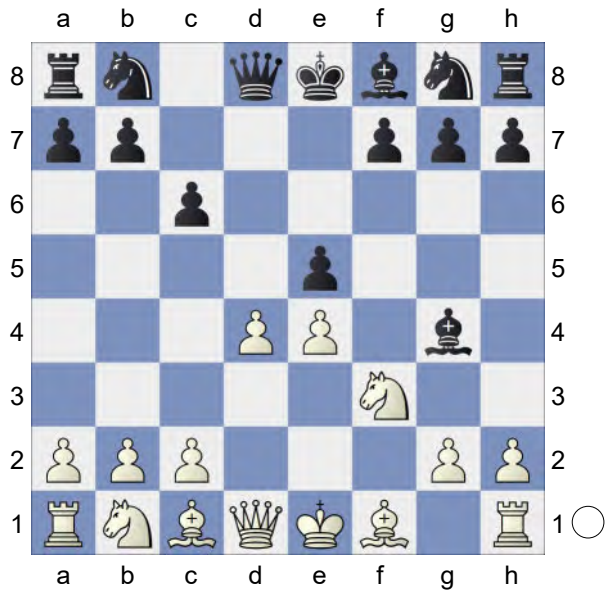
119 **B12**
□ **Lee,Jun Hyeok** **2404**
■ **Song,R** **2485**
Online Olym Div3 A 2021 (4.5) 28.08.21
[Daniel Fernandez]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4
[5...Be6 6.c3 Nf6 was checked in Kuybokarov,T-Fernandez,D Canberra 2021.]
[Psychologically, the main justification for allowing White a central majority would have to be 5...exd4 but this has scored incredibly badly of late. 6.Bc4±]



6.c3 Nf6 I quoted this as the wrong order in my comments to the MVL-Alekseenko encounter, but the truth is of course more complex. I am happy to share a move that I've been looking at a bit recently after 6...Nd7.
[6...Nd7 7.Be2! This has almost not been tried, but I am not sure whether Black maintains total equality. Fans of the bishop pair in particular would be happy with the mainline that follows. *(7.Bc4 Bd6 8.0-0 Ngf6* is the usual order for reaching the game position, and White has no advantage at this moment. *)* 7...Ngf6 *(* Messing with the move order doesn't seem to help particularly, e.g. *7...Bd6 8.Nbd2 Ne7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc4 Bc7 11.Kh1±* and Black still struggles to get organised.*)* 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Nbd2 Reaching what seems to be a critical position. I spent some 20 minutes on this with a cloud engine (courtesy of the folks at Chessify) and in all lines White apparently emerges with a bishop-pair advantage or something comparable.
A) 9...Bxf3!? Doing this pre-emptively does lower the risk of losing the e5-pawn, but Black can hardly claim equality. 10.Bxf3 0-0 11.Nc4 Bc7 *(11...Qc7* Sochacki, W-Stephan,V Nantes 2013 *12.Kh1!±* If White had either won this game or found the correct move, there's more of a chance the line would have taken off!*)* 12.Bg5 Re8 13.Kh1!?N *(13.Qb3* was played in Pichushkin,V-Ruggieri,O email 2014 and is also worth considering. Black needs to accept the pawn with *exd4 14.cxd4 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Be1 g4 17.Bd1! Rxe4∞* but play remains extremely rich and Black would have to check a huge number of avenues to ensure that this is not 'more than' full compensation, e. g. 18.Ne3, 18. Bh4, 18. Qxb7, 18.Bf2, and 18.Bc2. White's position still looks more enjoyable.*)* 13...h6 14.Bh4 exd4 15.cxd4 g5 16.Bg3 Bxg3 17.hxg3

Threatens to win with e5. g4 *(17...Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Rxe4 19.Nd6→)* 18.Bxg4 Nxe4 19.Kh2±;

B) 9...Qe7 might be a lesser evil all I found was 10.Nc4 Nxe4 11.Nfxe5 *(11.Bd3!?)* 11...Nxe5 12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 13.Bxg4 Nxg4 14.Qxg4 Qg6 15.Rf4! with delicate chances of play against Black's still-uncastled king and/or being able to use the BvN advantage.;

C) 9...0-0 10.Nc4 Bc7 *(10...Nxe4 11.Bd3 f5 12.Qb3 Kh8 13.Nxd6 Nxd6 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Ne4! 16.Bxe4 fxe4 17.Be3±* is also not full equality.*)* 11.dxe5 The clean solution. *(11.Ncxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.e6 fxe6 16.Bf4P; 11.Bg5!?* 0.03/18 11.Ncxe5 0.46 would be all very well if Black had to take on f3, but there is instead the QGA-esque *exd4! 12.cxd4 Qe8!* causing a mess. *13.e5 Nd5!=)* 11...Bxf3 *(11...Nxe4* 0.56/19 11...Bxf3 0.19 *12.Nd4 Be6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Bc4±* The e6-pawn is terminally weak and Black is struggling for a draw.*)* 12.gxf3 Nxe5 13.Qxd8 Raxd8 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.a4_ Black has had to play pretty well to get to this point and it still isn't guaranteed that they will have equality in the face of White's spatial expansion and bishop-pair. Nevertheless, the machine thinks whatever White may have is rather modest (+0. 2).]

7.Bc4 Nbd7?! 0.58/19 Another failure of move-order, and quite a common one.

[7...Qc7?! was checked in Vachier Lagrave,M-Alekseenko,K Ekaterinburg 2021]

[7...Bh5! is correct but maybe also not fully equalising- see my notes to that game.]

[7...Bh5= 0.12/19]

8.0-0 -0.12/16

[8.Qb3!± wins at least a pawn. Anyone who has seen the Opera Game should be able to find this move! Bh5 9.Ng5 Qe7 10.Qxb7 Rb8 11.Qxc6 h6?! 12.Nf3 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxe4 2.16/20 *(13...Qd8±* 1.01/19 *)* 14.0-0+- Xiong,J-Koksal,E INT 2021]

[8.Qb3± 0.58/19 Qe7 9.Qxb7]

8...Bd6= is the usual order for reaching the game position, and White has no advantage at this moment. **9.Bg5 Qb6!?**

[The main line is 9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Qc7 11.Qe1 with a great deal of theory. While White doesn't have an advantage, the open lines towards f7 make the line suitable for good calculators- kind of like the 6.f4 Najdorf. b5 12.Bb3 h6 13.Be3 Rae8 14.Qh4 exd4 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.cxd4 Be6 17.e5 Bxb3 18.Qg3+ Kh7 19.exd6 Qb8 20.axb3 Re6 21.Nh4 Qxd6 22.Qd3+ Kh8 23.Nf5 Qd5 24.Nxh6 Nc5 25.Qc3 Nce4 26.Nxe4 1-0 (30) Just,W (2664)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11.♗d2 (2677) 44/498 Graz 1987 (11)]

[I also took a fresh look at 9...h6! and believe it to be quite a nice practical move. White can give up the bishop-pair or else go for: 10.Bh4 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Qb6! The b2- and d4-pawns are both threatened. 12.Qh3 And now Bxf7+! would win. 0-0-0! *(12...0-0* is also equal, but with White

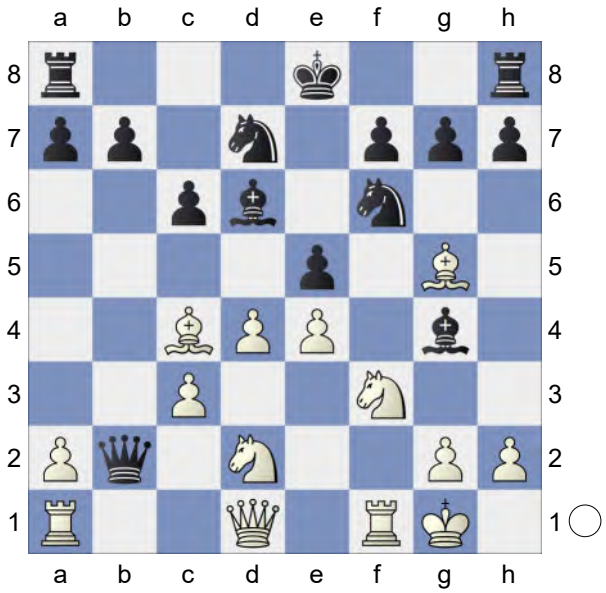
having the choice of when/how to force perpetual. *13.Rxf6! Nxf6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qxh6* aiming for Qg6+. *Qxb2∞)* 13.Bxf7 Black must now prevent Nd2. exd4 14.Na3 dxc3+ 15.Kh1 cxb2 16.Nc4 bxa1B (Why not??) 17.Nxb6+ axb6 18.Rxa1 Strongly threatening Rd1. Kb8∞ In my opinion, it is harder to play with the queen here, partly because of the broken structure and partly because of Black's safe king. The computer gives 0. 00 but we are still a long way from a perpetual or repetition.]

10.Nbd2! Already having in mind the justification that comes after Black grabs the hot pawn. **10...Qxb2N** 1.04/19

[Admitting a mistake with 10...0-0 11.Qc2 Qc7± was solid and didn't yield too much ground to White.]

[10...0-0= 0.15/18]

[10...h6]



11.Bxf7+!± Kxf7 12.Nc4 Qxc3 13.Nxd6+ Ke7? 2.75/20 After this White's attack gains even more pace.

[Relatively better from a king-safety perspective was 13...Kg8 , even if White is still close to winning. 14.Rb1→]

[13...Kf8± 1.21/20 is a better defense.]

14.Rc1+-

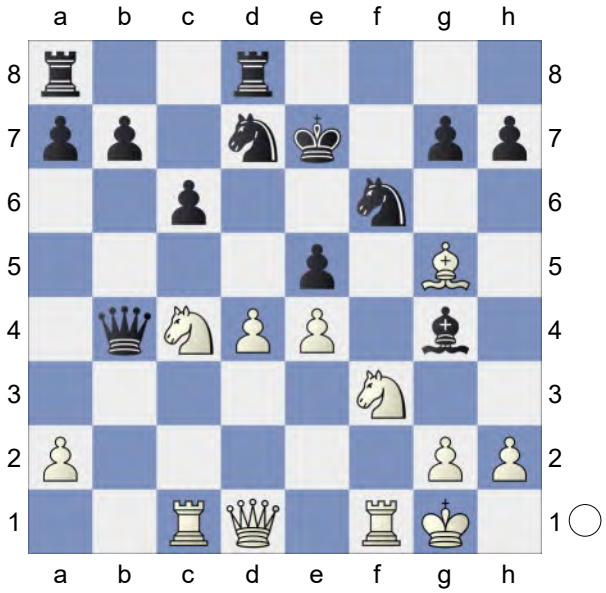
[14.Nxb7 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 *(15.gxf3 Rhb8±; 15.Rxf3 Qxd4+ 16.Kh1 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Rhb8=)* 15...Qxf3 16.gxf3 h6=]

14...Qb4 15.Nc4

[15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Be3 *(16.Nf5+ Bxf5 17.Nxe5 Rad8+-)* 16...b6+- *(16...Qxd6? 17.Bc5+- Pin)*]

15...Rhd8 4.18/19

[⌓15...h6 2.78/16]



16.a3

[16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bd2 Qc5+ 18.Ne3 *(18.Be3 Qxc4 19.Rxc4 Rxd1∓)* 18...Qb6=]

16...Qb5 17.a4 Deflection

[17.Ncxe5? Nxe5 18.Qd2 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Nc4 20.Bxf6+ gxf6-+]

17...Qa6 18.Qb3 Completing development with a completely winning position. Amazingly, however, there are still some adventures to follow.

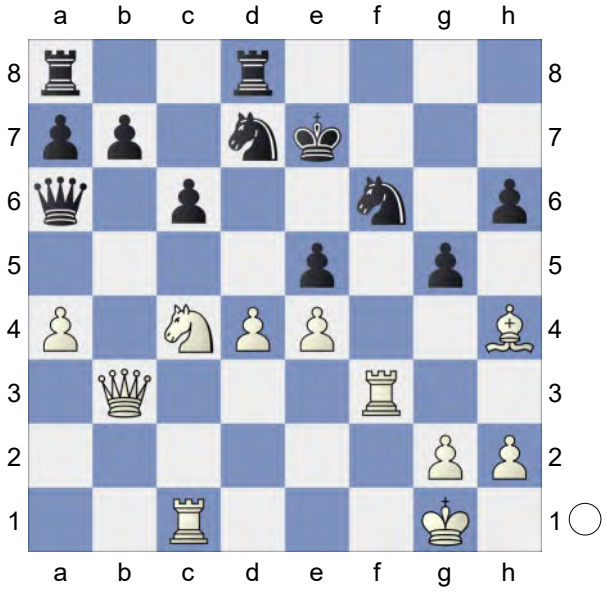
[18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Qe1 *(19.Qe2*

Ke8=) 19...Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Be6+-]

18...Bxf3 5.61/21

[18...Be6 3.71/16 was necessary. 19.Qa3+ *(19.dxe5 Rg8+-; 19.Nfxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5* Pin *Kd7+-)* 19...c5]

19.Rxf3 h6 20.Bh4 g5



21.dxe5

[More classical was 21.Bf2 since the e5-pawn will give way anyway. Nxe4 8.83/19 *(⌓21...exd4* 4.88/19 *22.Bxd4 Ne8 23.Qa3+ c5 24.Bxc5+ Nxc5 25.Qxc5+ Rd6 26.e5* Pin *Rc8 27.exd6+ Nxd6 28.Re1+ Kd8 29.Rf8+ Kd7 30.Ne5+ Ke6 31.Ng4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Qe2 32.Rf6+ Ke7 33.Rxe2+ Kd8 34.Rxd6#)* 22.Nxe5+- Nxe5 23.dxe5+- and in fact the engine gives this as mate in 12!]

21...Nxe4 7.54/21

[⌓21...Ng4 4.54/19 22.Bg3 *(22.Qa3+ c5+-)* 22...h5]

22.Ne3 Nxe5 7.90/22

[⌓22...Rf8 4.57/20 23.Qb4+ Nec5]

23.Qb4+? 2.89/23 White starts to slide too. Online games are characterised by, among other things, a higher rate of letting winning advantage slip!

[A normal move like 23.Rf5 would have been easier to make over the board, and practically forces resignation.]

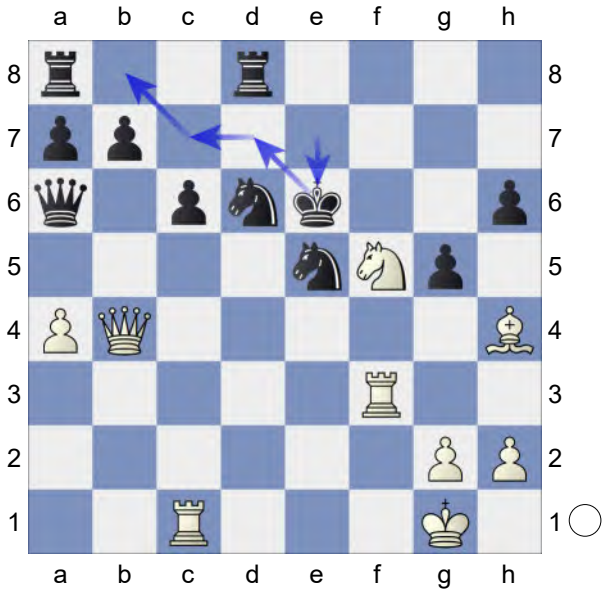
[23.Rf5 7.90/22 Re8 24.Rxe5+ Kf6 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Rf1+ Qxf1+ 27.Nxf1]

23...Nd6 24.Nf5+

[24.Rf5 is also still good, though the details get messy: Nd3 25.Qd4! Nxf5 26.Nxf5++- with a winning attack.]

24...Ke6

[24...Kf6 25.Rff1 *(25.Nxd6+ Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Qb6+ 27.Qxb6 axb6=)* 25...Nxf5 26.Qe4 Qb6+ 27.Kh1+-]



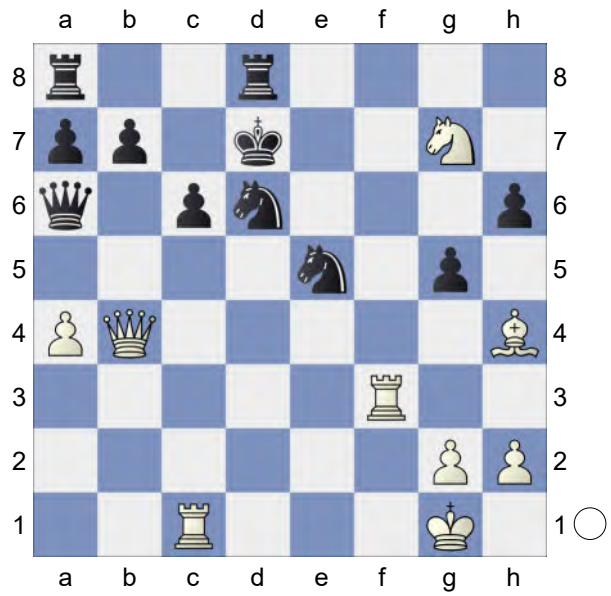
25.Ng7+??→ 0.01/22 This looks like a more active check, but also neglects to block the a7-g1 diagonal. Thus Black has ...Qb6 in many positions. White is up to no good.

[25.Nd4+! Kd7 *(25...Ke7?* 5.65/23 25...Kd7 2.06 *26.Re1+-)* 26.Rf6+- Black will succumb to the second wave of attack.]

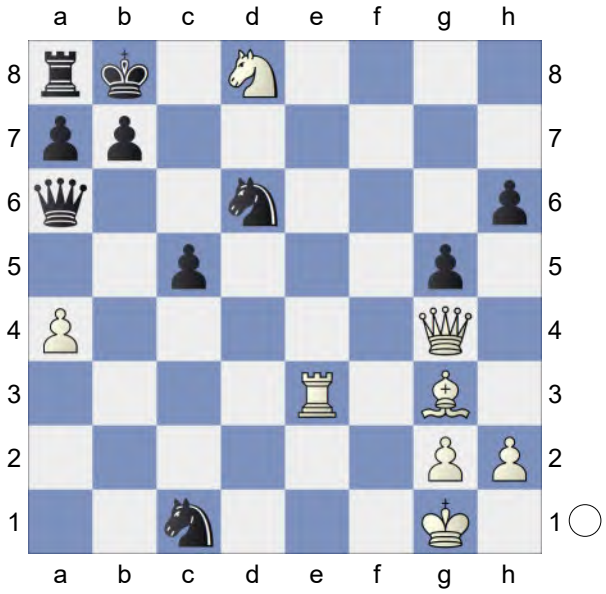
[25.Nd4+!+- 1.76/21 Kd7 26.Rf6]

25...Kd7=

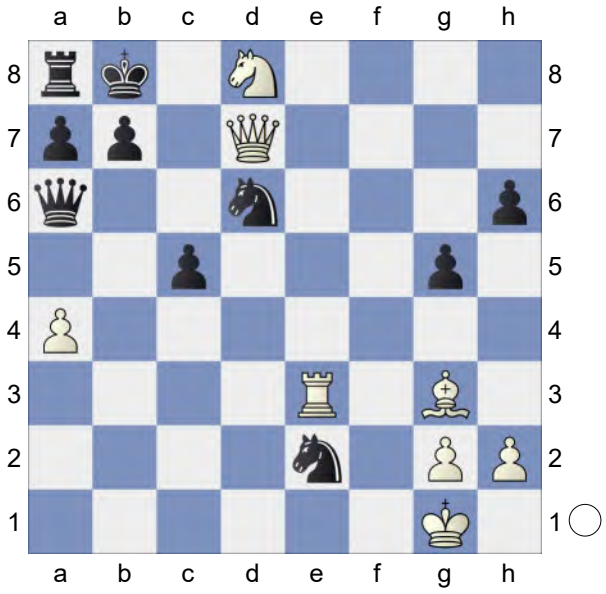
(Diagram)



26.Re3? -1.64/23 Consistent, but also slightly inaccurate. Black can enter a better endgame after this.
[26.Rf6= 0.01/22 Qb6+ 27.Qxb6 axb6 28.Bg3]
26...Nd3?? 6.69/24 Missing the golden second chance, and furthermore forking White in such a way that they have practically no choice but to find the winning continuation.
[26...gxh4!? 27.Qf4∞]
[26...Qb6!! forces White to be accurate to draw. The point is 27.Qxb6 axb6 28.Bg3 Nef7∓ and Black's pieces, while look tangled, are not loose enough to drop off.]
[26...gxh4 27.Qd4 Nec4 28.Rd3±]
[26...Qb6-+ -1.64/23 27.Qxb6 *(27.Qc3? Ng4-+ Pin)* 27...axb6 28.Bxg5 hxg5 29.Rxe5 Ra5 *(29...Rxa4 30.Rxg5 Rda8 31.Re5-+)* 30.Rxa5 bxa5]
27.Qg4++- **Kc7** **28.Ne6+** **Kb8**
...Qb6! is the strong threat.
[28...Kb6 29.Qd4+ c5 30.Rxc5! and mate in 6.]
29.Nxd8 **Nxc1** **30.Bg3** 7.59/21
[⌓30.Qd7 15.19/24 Ne2+ 31.Kf2 *(31.Rxe2 Qxe2 32.Qxd6+ Kc8+-)*]
30...c5



31.Qd7 White mates. **31...Ne2+**



32.Rxe2! Deflection **32...Qxe2**
[32...h5 33.Bxd6+]
33.Bxd6#

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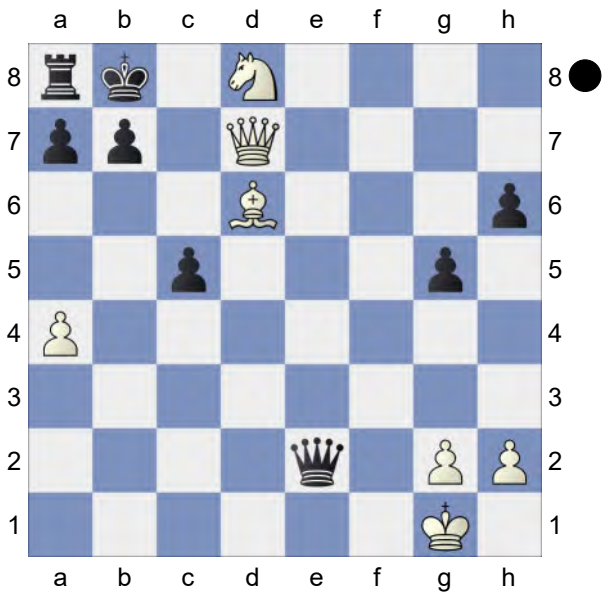

Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.79

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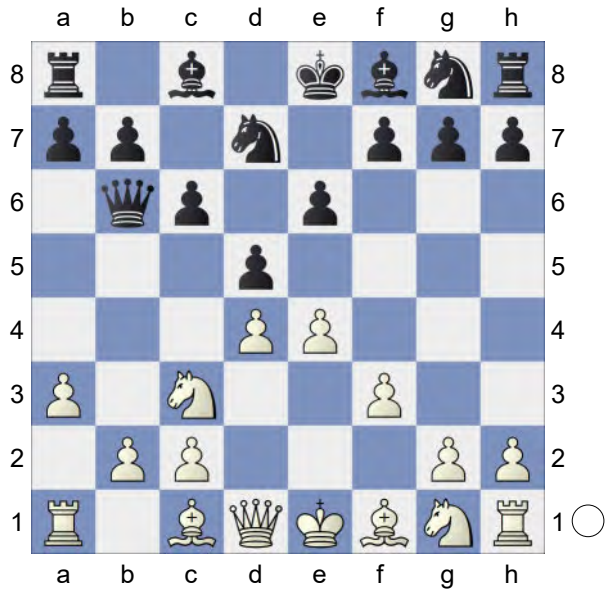
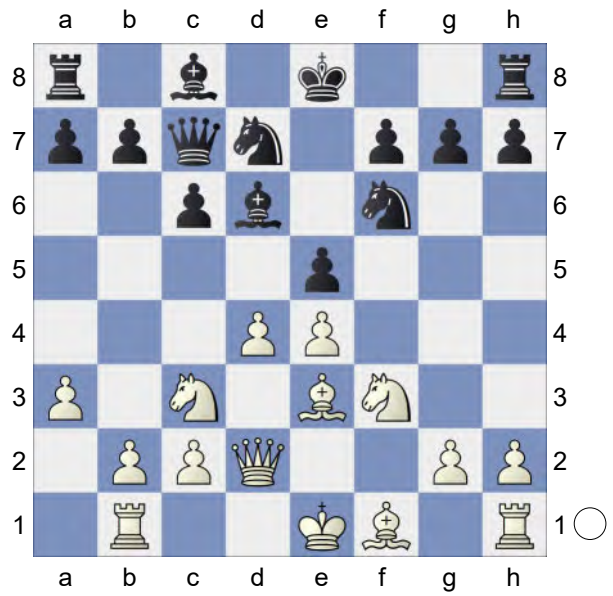
120 **B12**
□ **Das,Arghyadip** **2485**
■ **Roiz,Michael** **2615**
45. Masters Open (10) 02.08.2012
[Roiz,Michael]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Qb6
[4...Bb4 Ü 111/(47) Roiz,M: '— 111/(47)']
5.a3
[5.Nge2!?]
5...Nd7
[5...Be7 6.Be3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Ngf6 8.Bf2 dxe4 9.fxe4 Ng4 10.Nf3 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 e5 12.Ne2 exd4 13.e5 Qc7 14.Nexd4 Nxe5 15.Re1 Ng4+ 16.Kg1 0-0 17.h3 Nf6 18.Qd2 Bd6 19.Ne2 Be6 20.Ng5 0-1 (40) 3.♘f3 ♗b4 4.♗d2 ♕e7 5,g (2604)-Mladenov, P (2674) (m/6) 23/171 1977 (8)]



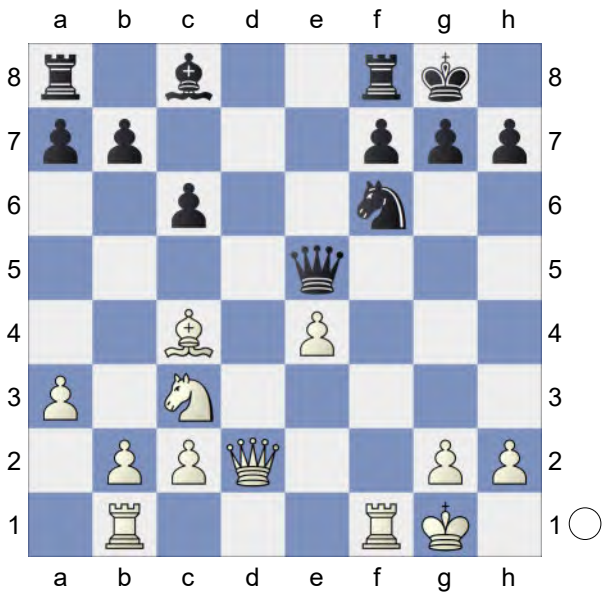
6.Be3 Ngf6 7.Rb1N
[7.Bf2? -0.34/21 7.Be2 0.11 dxe4! 8.fxe4 Ng4!∓]
[7.b4 dxe4 8.fxe4 e5_]
[7.e5]
[7.Bd3]
[7.Be2! (Δ e5) dxe4 *(7...c5 8.e5 Ng8! 9.Qd2±)* 8.fxe4 Be7 *(8...e5 9.Qd2 Qxb2 10.Ra2 Qb6 11.dxe5 Nxe4 12.Bxb6 Nxd2 13.Bc7* V.B) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-4 Nc3 e6 5.a3 #3*)* 9.Nf3 0-0 *(9...e5 10.Bf2 Qc7 11.Qd2 exd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.Nf5±)* 10.Qd2 Qxb2 11.0-0 Qb6! 12.e5⩲]
7...dxe4 8.fxe4 Black has an edge.
[8.Nxe4 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Ne2=]
8...e5
[8...c5 9.e5 *(9.Nf3 cxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Na4 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 0-0 14.Rd1=)* 9...Nd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Nf3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 *(12.Bxd4 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.c3 0-0 15.Qd4 Re8 16.Qxc5! Nxc5 17.Rd1 Be6 18.Kf2=)* 12...a6!_ *(12...Nxe5?!* 0.52/22 12...a6 -0.13 *13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.0-0↑)*]
9.Nf3 Bd6
[9...exd4
A) 10.Bxd4 Bc5 11.Na4 Qa5+ 12.b4 Qxa4 13.bxc5 0-0 14.Bd3 b6 0.37/20 *(14...Qa5+=* -0.01/21 is superior. *15.Qd2 Qxd2+ 16.Nxd2 b6)* 15.cxb6 axb6 16.0-0 Ba6=;
B) 10.Nxd4 Qc7=]
10.Qd2 dxe5 would now be deadly.
[10.Nd2!? 0-0 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Be2=]
10...Qc7

(Diagram)



11.Bc4?! -0.40/21
[11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Rd1 Be7 *(12...Neg4* 0.31/22 12...Be7 -0.07 *13.e5 Bxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bc5⩱)* 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Bd4 Qe6=]
[11.dxe5= -0.02/21 Nxe5 12.Rd1]
11...0-0
[11...Ng4!? 12.d5 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 0-0∓]
12.0-0 exd4
[⌓12...Ng4 13.Ng5 Ndf6! 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.Qxf4 Qxf4 17.Rxf4 Ne5∓]
13.Bxd4 Ne5∓ 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5
[15.h3!? b5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Bd3 Be6∓]
15...Qxe5

(Diagram)



16.Kh1 Be6
[16...b5!? 17.Ba2 a5 18.Qf4 Qxf4 19.Rxf4 Re8∓]
[16...Nxe4 17.Qe3 Bf5 18.Rbe1+- *(18.Rxf5?! Qxf5 19.Qxe4 Qxe4±)*]
17.Bxe6 fxe6
[17...Qxe6 18.Rbe1 Ng4 19.h3 Rad8 20.Qf4 Ne5∓]
18.Qf4
[18.Qe2 b5 19.Rf3 a5∓]
18...Qxf4 19.Rxf4 Rad8
[19...e5 20.Rf5 Rad8 21.Rxe5 Rd2 22.Re7 Rf7∓]
20.Rf2
[20.e5!? Nd5! *(20...Nd7* -0.31/21 20...Nd5 -0.76 *21.Ra4! a6 22.Kg1! Nxe5 23.Re1!=)* 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 *(21...Kxf8 22.Ne4 Ne3* Dodges Rf1+ *23.Nc5 Ke7 24.Nxb7 Rd5∓)* 22.Ne4 Dodges Rf2 b6 *(22...Rf5 23.Nd6 Rxe5 24.Nxb7 Re2 25.c4 Ne3 26.Na5 c5 27.b4P)* 23.Ng5 Rf5 24.Nf3 Ne3 25.c3 c5∓]
20...Ng4

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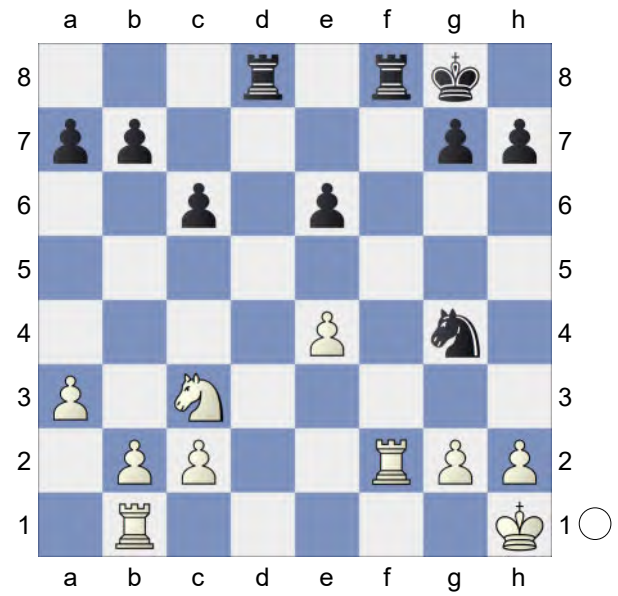
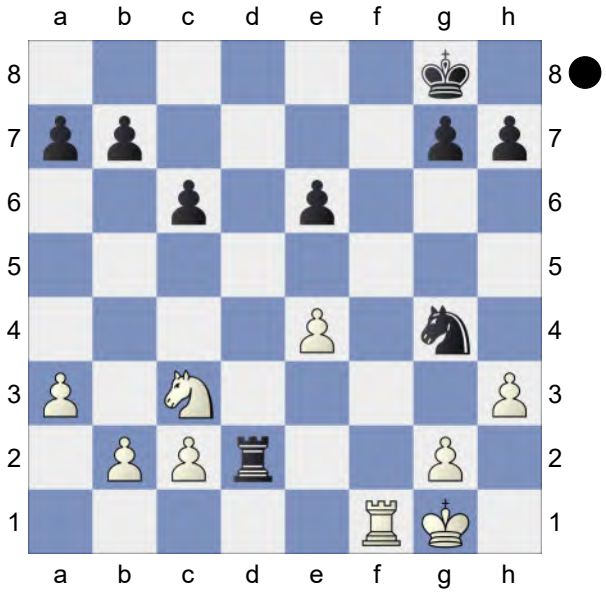


21.Re2 Rf2!↑ Black has the initiative.
22.Rxf2
[22.Rbe1 -1.79/22 22.Rxf2 -1.05 Rd2 23.Rxd2 Rxd2 24.Re2 Nf2+ 25.Kg1 Rxe2 26.Nxe2 Nxe4 27.Nd4 Kf7-+]
[22.h3 Rxe2 23.Nxe2 Ne3! *(23...Nf2+?! 24.Kg1 Nxe4 25.Nf4 e5 26.Nd3 Nd2 27.Re1 Nc4 28.Re2∓)* 24.Nf4 Kf7 25.Nd3 Ke7 26.Rc1 Nxc2 White must now prevent ...Ne3. *(26...h5!? 27.Kg1 Rd4∓)* 27.Nc5 Ne3! ...b6 is the strong threat. 28.Nxb7 Rd1+ 29.Rxd1 Nxd1∓]
22...Nxf2+ Endgame. KRN-KRN **23.Kg1** White is now going downhill. **23...Rd2**
24.Rf1?⊕ -1.27/24
[24.Rc1! Strongly threatening h3. Ng4 25.Nb1! Rd4 *(25...Re2* -0.01/22 25...Rd7 -0.68 *26.Nc3=)*
A) 26.Nc3 e5 27.Re1 Rd2! 28.Re2 Rxe2 29.Nxe2 Kf7 30.Nc1 -1.27/24 *(⌓30.c3* -0.85/22 *)* 30...Ke6∓ 31.Nb3 b6 Dodges Nc5+ 32.Nd2 Ne3∓;
B) 26.h3 Nf6 27.Nc3 a5 28.Kf2 Nxe4+ 29.Nxe4 Rxe4 30.Rd1 b5 31.c3 Kf7∓]
[White should try 24.Rc1 -0.83/24 Ng4 25.Nb1]
24...Ng4∓ Black is more active. **25.h3**



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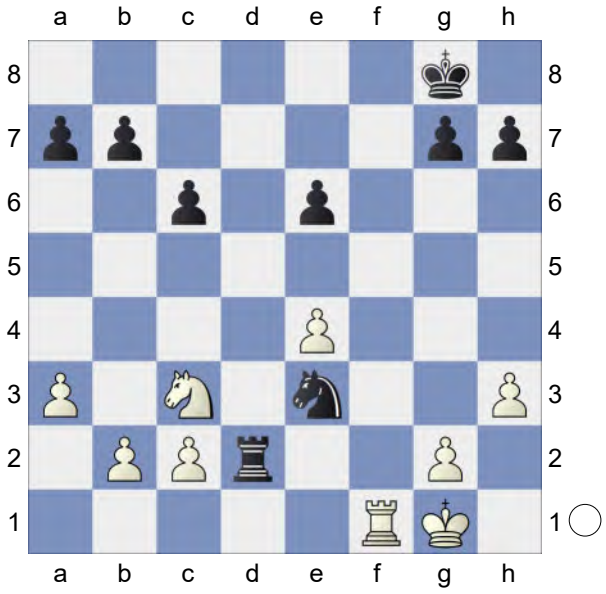

26.Rf2 Rxc2-+ 27.Rxc2 Nxc2∓ KN-KN
28.e5
[28.Kf2

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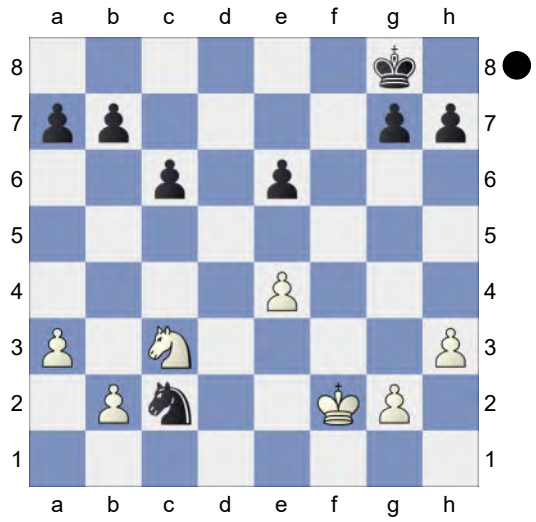

e5! 29.Ke2 Kf7 30.Kd2 Nd4]

28...Ne1 29.Ne4 -2.14/24

[⌓29.Kf2 -1.78/24 Nd3+ 30.Ke3 Nxe5 *(30...Nxb2? 31.Kd4-+)* 31.Ne4]

29...Nd3-+ 30.Nd6 -2.93/27

[30.b4 Kf8 31.Ng5 Ke7 32.Nxh7 Nxe5]

[30.b3 -1.83/25 is a better defense.]

30...b5!

[30...b6 31.Nc8 Nxb2 aiming for ... Nc4. 32.Nxa7 c5 33.Kf2 Nc4 34.Ke2 Nxa3 35.Kd3 b5]

[Less strong is 30...Nxe5 31.Nxb7 Nc4 32.Nd8∓]

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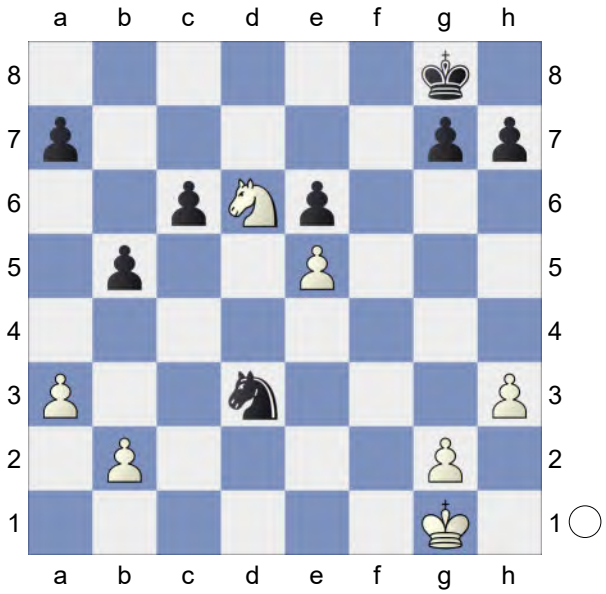

31.Nc8 -3.98/25

[⌓31.b3 -2.84/22]

31...Kf7

[Stronger than 31...Nxb2 32.Nxa7 Nc4 33.Nxc6=]

32.Nxa7 Nxe5 Threatens to win with ... Ke8.

[Not 32...Nxb2 33.Nxc6 Nc4 34.Kf2∓]

33.Nc8

[33.b3? -6.98/25 33.Kf2 -3.37 Ke7 34.a4 bxa4 35.bxa4 Kd7 36.a5 Kc7 37.a6 Nd7 38.Kf2 Nc5]

33...Ke8

[33...Nc4 34.Na7 Nxb2 35.Nxc6 Nc4]

34.Nd6+ Ke7

[34...Kd7 35.Ne4 Nc4 36.Nc5+ -5.35/26 *(⌓36.a4 -3.70/21 Nxb2 37.axb5 cxb5 38.Kf2)* 36...Kd6-+ 37.Nd3 e5]

35.Ne4 Nc4

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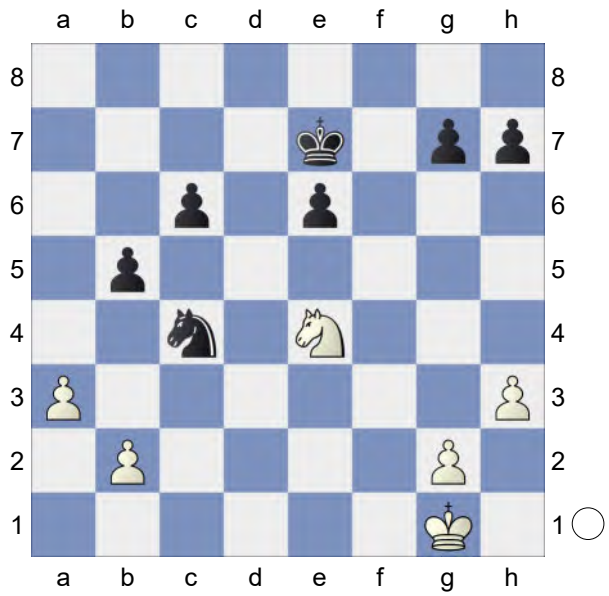
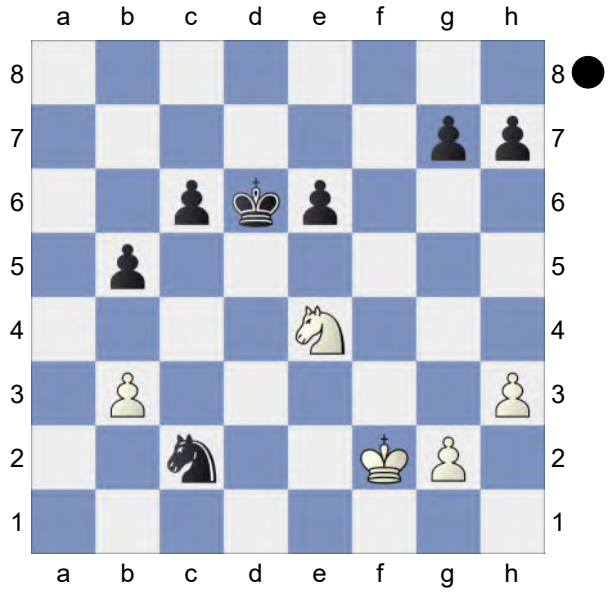


Deflection. Black is clearly winning.
36.b3 Nxa3 37.Kf2 Nc2 38.Nc5 Kd6 39.Ne4+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.05 (flawless)
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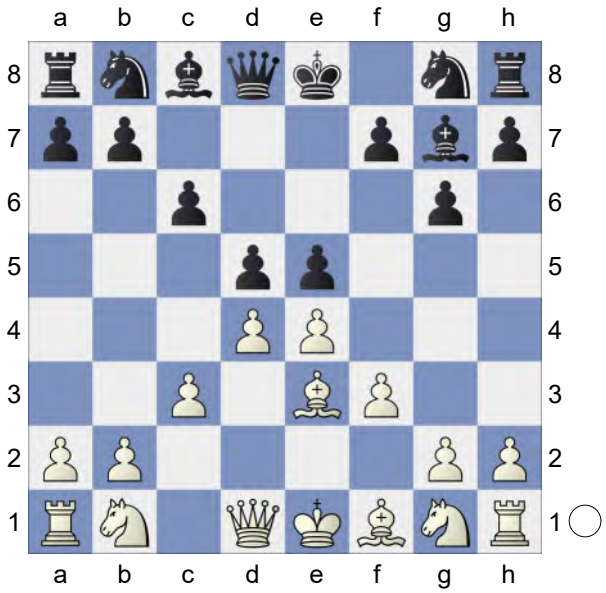
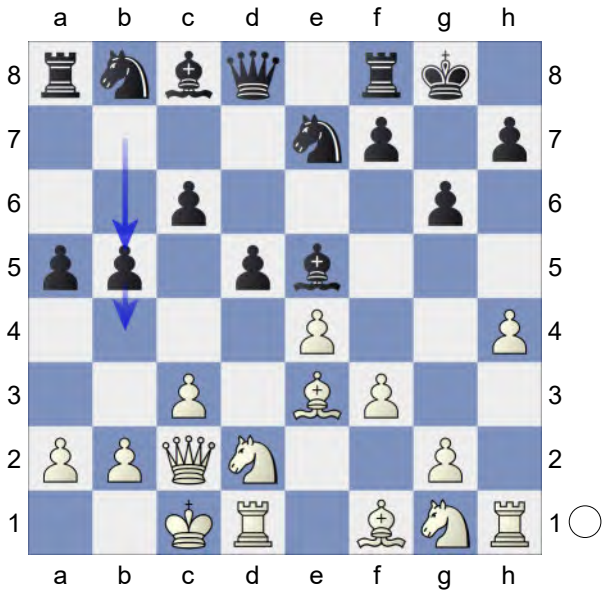
121 **B12**
□ **Seirawan,Yasser** **2643**
■ **Adams,Michael** **2716**
Mermaid Beach Club m (5) 26.01.1999
[Kitty Kat]

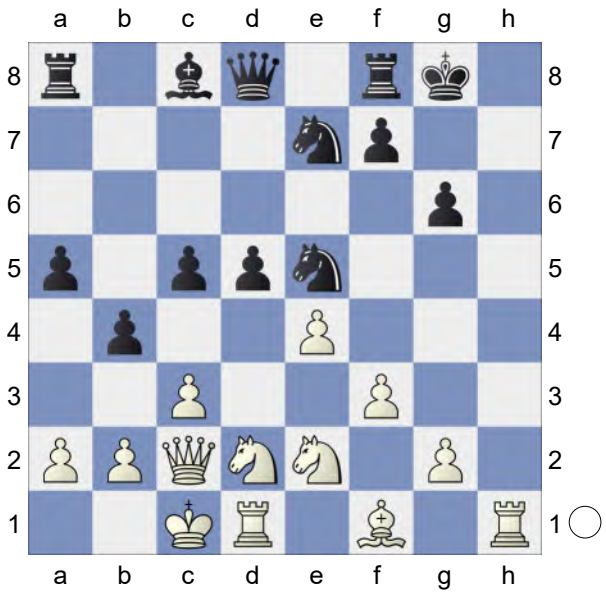
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.Be3
[5.Bf4 Qb6 6.Qb3 Be6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Nd2 Nd7 9.Bd3 0-0-0 10.Ne2 dxe4 11.fxe4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Bxe2 e5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Nc4 Kc7 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.0-0 f6 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 0-1 (32) Dutch Defense: Leningrad Vari,7 (2495)-1.e4 d5 2.d4 Blackmar-Diemer (2625) 33/188 Hastings 1981 (2.1)]
5...e5



6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.Nd2 Ne7N
[7...Nf6 8.Qc2 Be6 9.Ne2 dxe4 10.Nd4 Qe7 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO B4 2002]
8.Qc2 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.0-0-0 a5 10.h4 b5**
(Diagram)

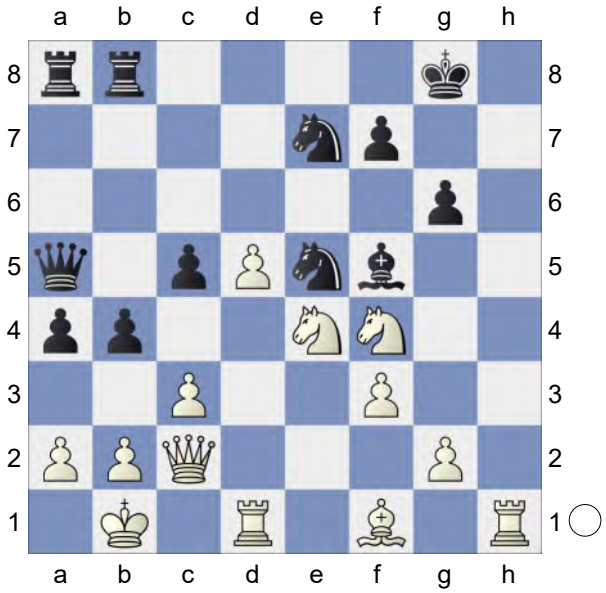


11.h5 Nd7 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Ne2 b4 14.Bd4 c5 0.61/18
[14...Qc7= 0.00/16]
15.Bxe5± Nxe5

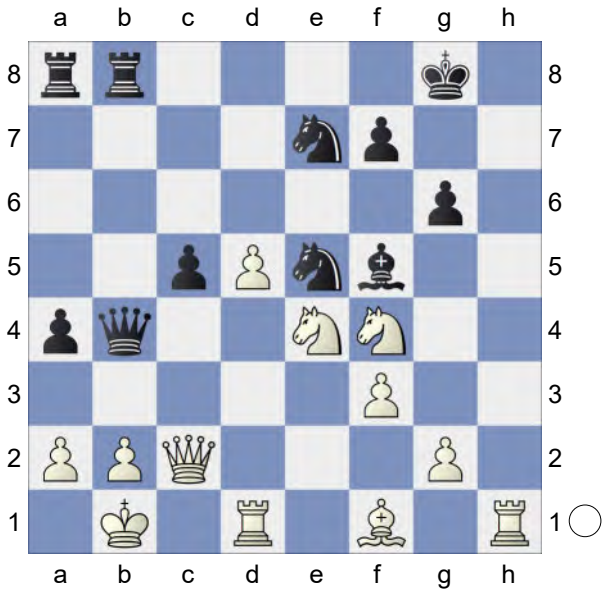


16.Nf4 a4 17.Kb1 Qa5 18.exd5 Threatens to win with Ne4. **18...Bf5** 0.72/19
[18...b3± 0.34/18 19.Qc1 *(19.axb3?* is the wrong capture. *Bf5-+* Pin *)* 19...Bf5+ 20.Ka1 *(20.Ne4 Bxe4+ 21.fxe4 a3=)* 20...Bc2 *(20...a3 21.Nxb3 axb2+ 22.Qxb2±)*]
19.Ne4± And now g4 would win.

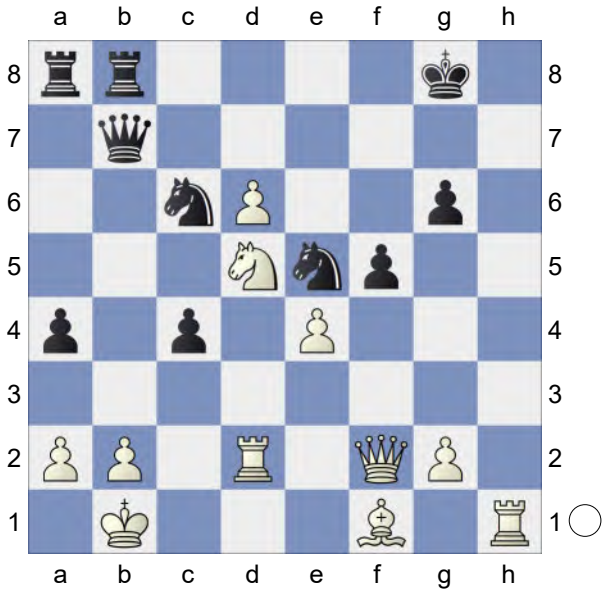
19...Rfb8 1.38/20
[⌓19...bxc3 0.78/19 20.Qxc3 Qxc3 21.bxc3 a3]



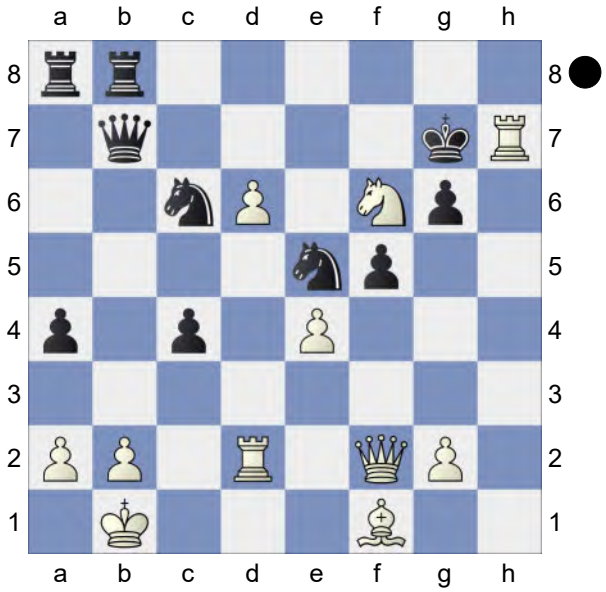
20.cxb4! Qxb4 3.93/20
[20...Rxb4± 1.32/19 21.a3 Bxe4 22.fxe4 Rb3]



This move loses the game for Black.
21.d6+- Bxe4 22.fxe4 N7c6 5.94/21
[⌓22...g5 4.11/20 23.Rh5 gxf4]
23.Nd5 White is clearly winning.
23...Qb7 24.Qf2
[24.Qxc5? Qxb2#]
24...c4 25.Rd2 f5



26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Rh7+



Skewer **27...Kxf6 28.Qh4+**

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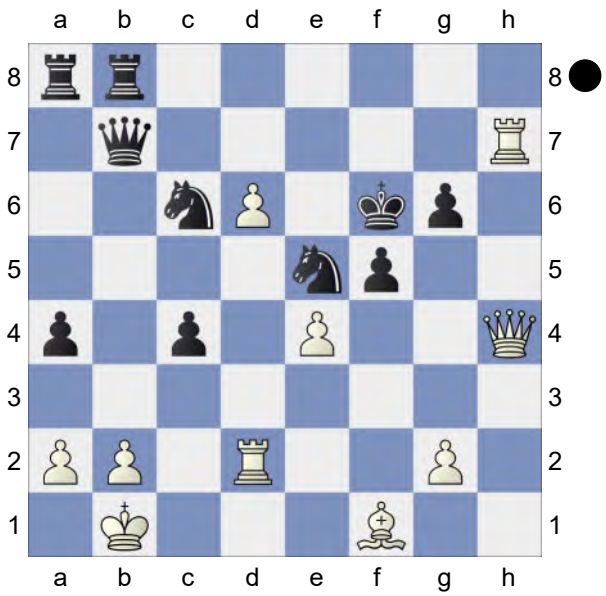

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.65. An unexpected result.

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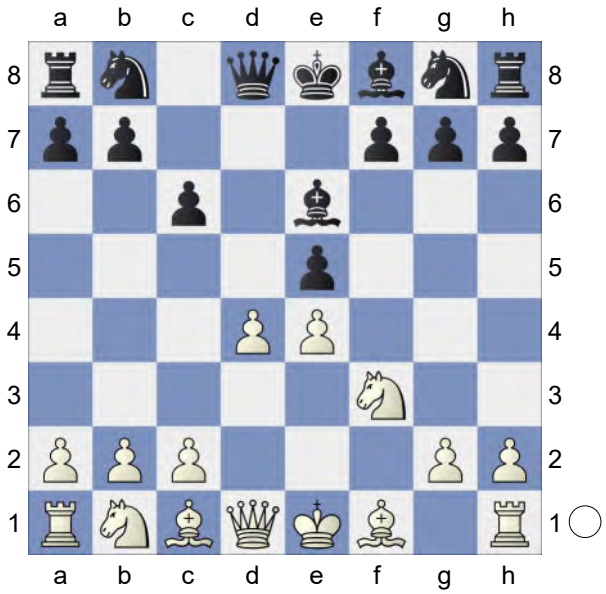
122 **B12**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2715**
■ **Seirawan,Yasser** **2640**
Mermaid Beach Club Match (6) 27.01.99
[Lukacs,Peter]

Seirawan,Y: 'Inf 74/(121)'
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 Lukacs **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3** Seirawan,Yasser: '*'This dubious line is a very rare guest on high level tournaments. As a surprise weapon it may contain some weapon. Seirawan,Y: 'Lukacs: 'This dubious line is a very rare guest on high level tournaments. As a surprise weapon it may contain some weapon." **3...dxe4**
[3...e6 transposing to French type of position is another healthy alternative.]
[3...g6 is also suggested by the theoreticians with a fine game for Black.]
4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Be6
[5...exd4? is a well-known mistake because of 6.Bc4!± with an excellent development for White against ♔f7.]

(Diagram)



6.c3 Nf6 7.Nxe5 Nxe4 8.Nf3 Repels Qh4+
[8.Bd3!? is an intersting alternative here.
A) 8...Qh4+? 0.76/5 8...Nd7 0.21 is another unhealthy idea of hunting pawns. 9.g3 Nxg3 (-> ...Ne4+) 10.Nf3
A1) 10...Qh5 11.Rg1 Nf5 1.95/19 *(11...Bd6± 1.27/19* keeps fighting.*)* 12.Rg5+- Qh3 13.Bf1!+- and the ♕ is trapped.;
A2) 10...Qh3 11.Rg1 Nh5 *(11...Nf5? 12.Bf1 Qh5 13.Rg5!+-* is the other version of trapping the ♕.*; 11...Bd6 12.hxg3 Bxg3+ 13.Kd2+-* and the white ♔ finds a safe place on c2.*)* 12.Bf1! Qf5 13.Rg5! Qe4+ 14.Kf2 Nf6 15.Bd3 Capturing the ♕ this time in the middle! h6 *(15...Ng4+? 3.25/22* 15...h6 1.36 *16.Kg1+-)* 16.Bxe4 Nxe4+ 17.Kg1 hxg5 18.Qe2 0.79/21 *(⌓18.Nbd2 1.56/21 Nxd2 19.Nxg5)* 18...g4± 19.Qxe4 gxf3 20.Bf4+- Drill-Stockman, Hofheim 1995;

B) 8...Bd6 9.Nf3±;
C) 8...Nd7!
C1) On 9.Nxd7? -2.77/20 9.Nf3 0.09 Qh4+! is already strong. 10.g3 Nxg3!∓;
C2) 9.Nf3
C2a) 9...Ndf6 0.98/20 9...Nef6 0.19 10.Qc2 0.37/18 *(10.Qe2± 0.98/20)*;
C2b) 9...Nef6 10.Ng5! Bg4 11.Qb3± -0.80/19 *(11.Nf3=* -0.17/19 remains equal. *)*;
C3) 9.0-0 Nxe5 10.Bxe4 is worthy of further studies.]

8...Be7

[8...Bd6 9.Bd3± Seirawan,Y: 'Lukacs: '±'' Nf6 10.0-0 White has a good version of a King's Gambit! Nbd7 11.c4 0-0 12.Nc3 Qc7 13.Qe1 Qa5 0.84/19 *(13...h6=* 0.01/19 *)* 14.Ng5 Rfe8 15.Qh4± Umanskay-Furdzih, Katowicze op 1995]

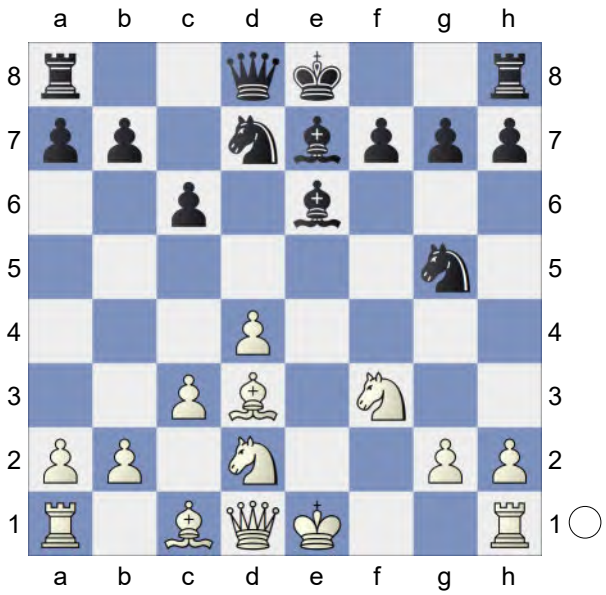
[8...h6! 9.Bd3 Ng5 10.0-0 Bd6!]

9.Bd3 The position is equal. **9...Ng5** Seirawan,Yasser: 'N' 'N' Seirawan,Y: 'N' Seirawan,Y: 'Lukacs: '!?''

[9...Nd6?! Seirawan,Yasser: '?' '?' Seirawan,Y: '?' Seirawan,Y: 'Lukacs: '?!'' disturbs the other pieces in Black's camp. Seirawan,Y: 'Lukacs: 'disturbs the other pieces in Black's camp.'' 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Qe2 c5 1.03/19 *(12...0-0±* 0.53/18 *)* 13.Na3 Rc8 1.64/20 *(13...Rd8±* 0.83/18 *)* 14.Bxd6 0.84/20 *(14.Kh1!+-* 1.64/20 *)* 14...Qxd6± 15.Rad1 Hoping for d5! 0-0? 2.26/19 *(* Black should play *15...cxd4±* 0.64/17 *16.Nxd4 Qe5)* 16.d5!+- Bxd5 17.Be4? -0.01/21 This is a lethal pin. *(17.c4+-* 2.22/21 *)* 17...Nf6= 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.c4 Nf4! 20.Qe4 Qf6! 21.Ne5 Bd6! 22.Nd7+- -0.76/20 Geenen-Garcia Palermo, OHRA-B Bruxelles 1986 *(22.Rxd6=* 0.01/21 *Nh3+ 23.gxh3 Qxd6 24.Nb5)*]

[9...Nf6= ECO]

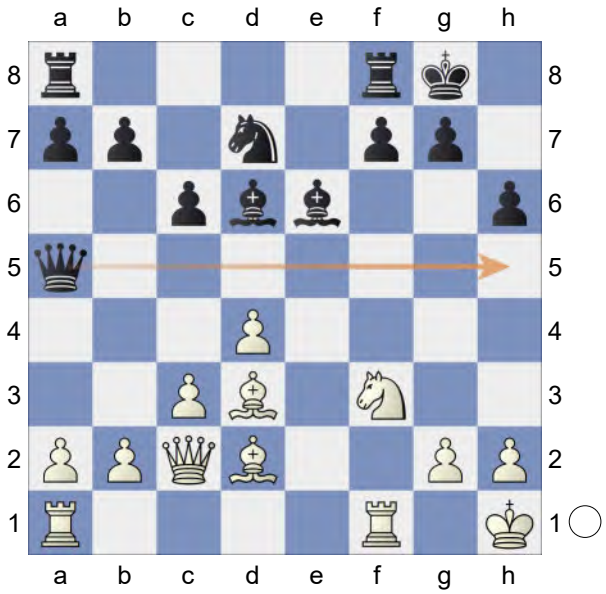
10.Nbd2 Nd7



11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2 h6 13.Kh1 Nxf3 14.Nxf3 Bd6 15.Bd2N Qa5

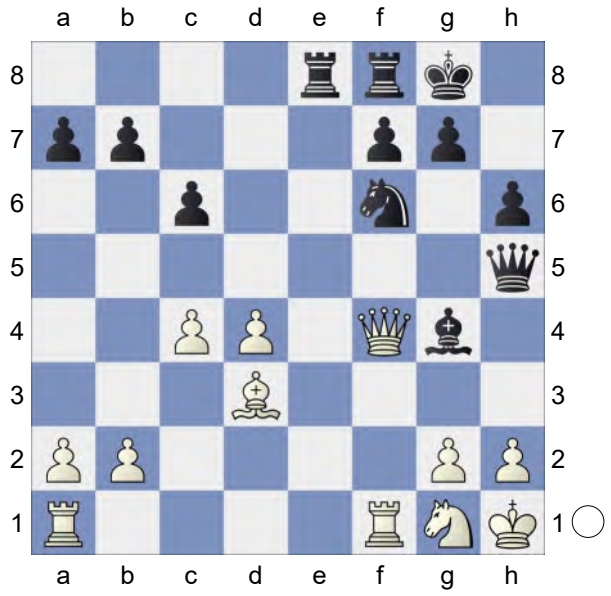
[15...Nf6 16.Rae1± Δ ♘e5]

[15...Re8!? Δ ♘f6, ♕c7∞ Seirawan, Yasser: 'Δ Nf6, Qc7∞']



16.Qc1! keeping an eye on the weakened ». Seirawan,Y: 'Lukacs:

'keeping an eye on the weakened ».''
16...Qh5
[16...Nf6? 1.05/20 16...Qh5 0.24 is heavily punished by the standard 17.Bxh6! gxh6? 2.37/23 *(17...Qh5± 0.81/17 18.Bf4 Be7)* 18.Qxh6+- Ng5 would kill now. Be7? #8/19 *(18...Qh5+- 2.43/23 19.Qxf6 Rfe8)* 19.Ng5+-]
17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 Seirawan,Yasser: '±' '±' Seirawan,Y: '±' **18...Rae8**
[18...Qg4?! only provokes the penetrating 19.Qc7 Rab8 0.67/18 *(19...Rac8= 0.13/19 20.Qd6 Nf6)* 20.Rae1±]
19.c4
[Now 19.Qc7?! is not that good on account of Bg4 20.Qxb7 Re3! Δ ♖f3]
[19.h3 is answered by Nb6]
19...Bg4 20.Ng1 The ♘ retreats, but after a few moves comes back to play.
20...Nf6
[20...Qg5 simplifies 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.Rae1 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Rd8]



21.h3 Bc8
[21...Re7!?]
22.Nf3→ Black needs to defend precisely.By this way White has avoided the exchange of his ♘ . **22...Ng4** Black has to avoid ♘e5.
[22...Bg4 allows the invasion of the ⊞ by playing 23.Ne5! Be2 24.Bxe2 Qxe2 25.Rae1 Qxb2 26.Rb1 -0.68/22 *(26.Nd7!± 0.62/22 Rxe1 27.Nxf6+ gxf6 28.Rxe1)* 26...Qxa2∓ 27.Rxb7±]
23.Rae1 g5? 0.96/19 This unnecessarily weakens Black's ».
[Simple and good was the exchange of the ♖: 23...Rxe1 24.Nxe1 Re8 25.Nf3 *(25.Kg1!? Nf6□ 26.Nf3=)*
A) 25...Ne3? 2.43/22 25...Nf6 0.10 26.Re1 Bxh3 27.Rxe3+-;
B) 25...Be6 26.Kg1 Nf6 27.Re1± 0.06/18 *(27.Qc7± 0.63/21)*;
C) ⌓25...Nf6 26.Ne5 c5!∞ undermining the strong centralized ♘.]
[23...Rxe1= 0.12/22 24.Nxe1 Nf6]
24.Qd2±
[24.Qc1 simplifies f5 25.Kg1 Nf6 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.Qd2]
24...Rxe1 1.28/22
[⌓24...f5 0.89/19]
25.Nxe1! And now Kg1 would win. The ⇔ f is more important than the ⇔ e.
[25.Rxe1 Nf6 26.Ne5 0.18/21 *(26.Rf1± 1.06/20)* 26...Re8? 3.18/21 *(26...Qh4=* 0.18/21 and Black has nothing to worry. *)*]
[25.Qxe1 0.80/21 25.Nxe1 1.33
A) 25...Nf6?! 2.60/24 25...f5 0.77
A1) 26.Qe7 1.47/23 26.Ne5 2.62 forgets about his own ♔. Bxh3! 27.gxh3 -0.01/24 *(27.Nh2!±* 1.34/25 *Ng4 28.Qe2)* 27...Qxh3+= 28.Nh2? -3.62/20 *(28.Kg1!=* -0.01/22 and White is okay. *Qg3+ 29.Kh1*

Qh3+ 30.Kg1 Qg4+ 31.Kh1 Qh3+) 28...Ng4;

A2) 26.Ne5! Bxh3? 4.65/23 loses this time. *(26...Nh7* 2.29/22 was worth a try. *27.Qb1 f5)* 27.Rxf6+- *(27.gxh3?* 0.01/20 27.Rxf6 4.45 *Qxh3+ 28.Kg1 Ng4 29.Nf3+-* Prevents Qh2+. *)*;

B) 25...f5± 0.80/21;

C) 25...Be6? 3.77/23 26.Kg1+- Nf6 27.Ne5 Nd7

C1) 28.Nxd7? 1.45/19 28.Ng6 4.47 Bxd7 29.Qe4 0.30/23 *(29.Qe7±* 1.49/19 *Be6 30.Re1)* 29...f5∞;

C2) 28.Ng6!!+- 4.63/22;

C3) 28.Rxf7? 0.64/26

C3a) 28...Bxf7 2.14/22 28...Rxf7 0.77 29.Nxd7+-;

C3b) 28...Nxe5 29.Rxf8+? 1.44/21 *(29.Rxb7+-* 4.58/20 and the rest is easy. *g4 30.hxg4 Bxg4 31.Qxe5 Qxe5 32.Bh7+ Kh8 33.dxe5)* 29...Kxf8± 30.dxe5±;

C3c) 28...Rxf7!± 29.Bg6 Qh4 30.Qxh4 gxh4 31.Bxf7+ Bxf7 32.Nxd7 Bxc4∞]

25...Kg7

[25...Re8? 2.43/23 25...Kg7 1.18 26.Kg1! Ne3 27.Rf3+-]

[25...f5? 26.Kg1+-]

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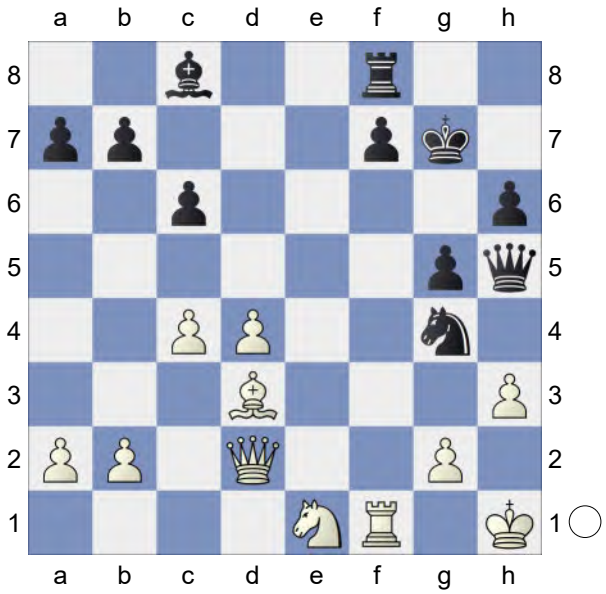

26.Kg1 Nf6 27.Qf2 Wards off Qh4

27...Ne8 28.Qg3!?

[28.d5± creating a strong ♁ in the ⊞ was the best solution.]

28...Kg8 29.Qb8 0.58/23

[29.Nf3± 1.37/19]

29...Ng7!± 30.Nf3?? -3.15/20 This blunder is hard to explain on such a high level!

[30.Qxa7 Re8 0.84/22 *(30...Qh4±* 0.34/22 *)* 31.Qb8! 0.39/23 *(*but certainly not *31.Qc5* -0.01/22 31.Nf3 0.55 *Bxh3! 32.gxh3 Qxh3P;* Better is *31.Nf3!±* 0.84/22 *)* 31...Bxh3 1.54/21 *(31...Qh4?* 1.65/21 31...Bf5 -0.01 *32.Nf3; 31...Bf5!±* 0.39/23 *32.Qg3 Qg6)* 32.Qxb7± when 32...Qg4?? #3/8 loses to *(32...Bf5±* 0.88/20 *)* 33.Qxf7+ Kh8 34.Qf8+!+- and mate.]

[30.Qxa7 Qd1=]

[30.Qd6± 0.71/23 stays on course. Strongly threatening Bh7+! Ne6 31.Rf6]

30...Bf5-+

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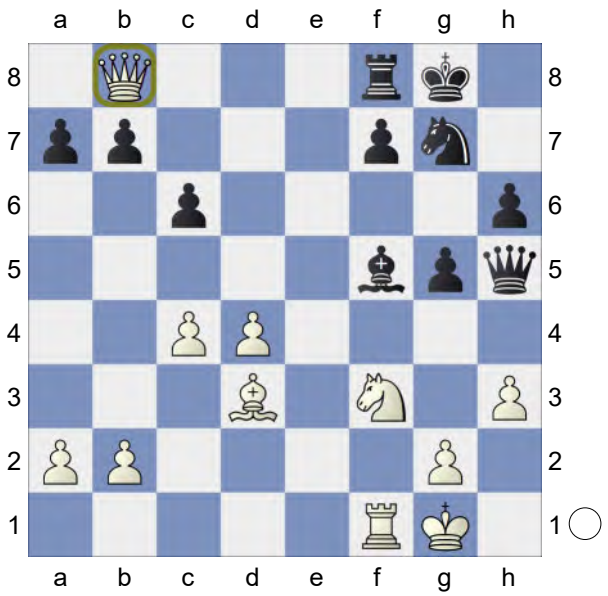
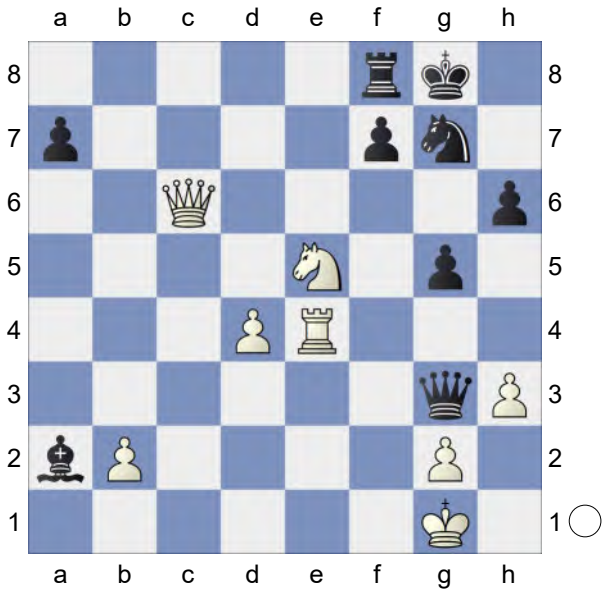


Discovered Attack **31.Qxb7 Bxd3 32.Re1 Bxc4 33.Qxc6 Bxa2** making the situation harder for himself.

[33...Be6! was simple and decisive. 34.Ne5 *(34.d5? Bxh3)* 34...Qh4-+]

34.Ne5 Qh4 35.Re4 Qg3



36.Nd7

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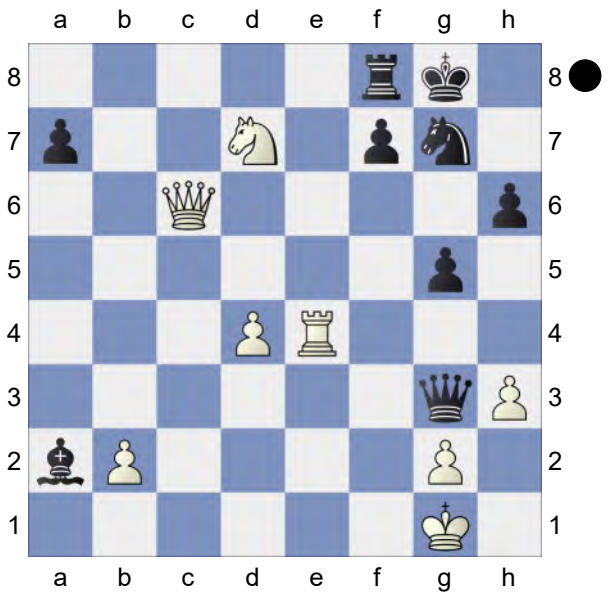


Ne6! -0.83/22 **37.Nxf8∓**

[37.d5 Bxd5]

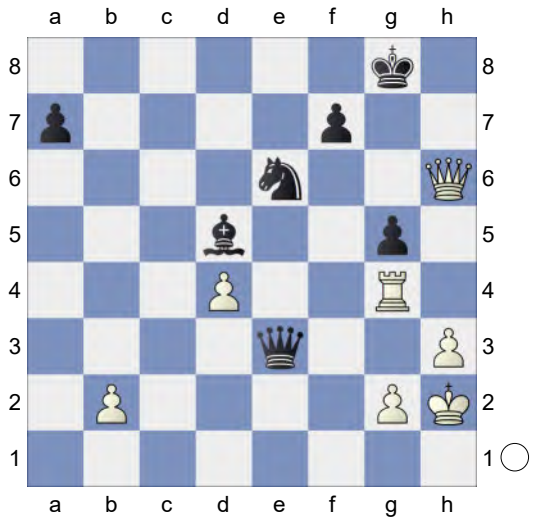
37...Nxf8

[37...Kxf8? 1.50/21 37...Nxf8 -0.69 38.d5]

[37...Kxf8? 38.d5+-]

38.d5? -2.10/23

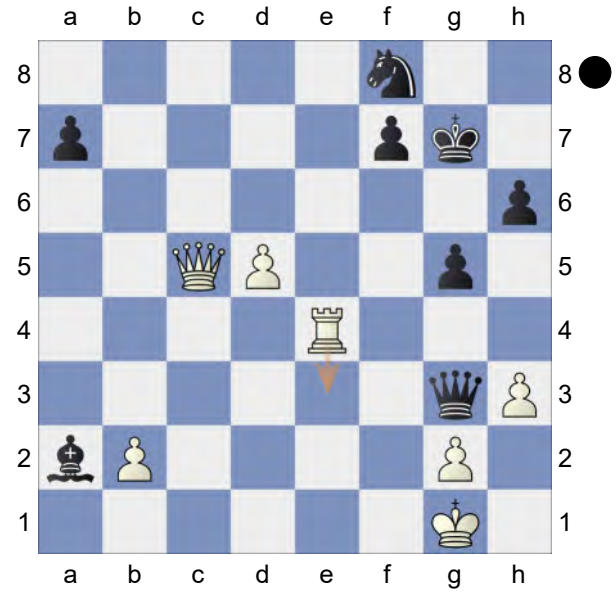
[White misses the logical 38.Qxh6 Threatens to win with Re8. Bd5 39.Rg4 Qe3+ 40.Kh2 Nh7 ...Be6 is the strong threat. *(40...Ne6?* 1.68/20 40...Nh7 -0.75



41.Rh4!) 41.Qd6 Qe6 42.Qxe6 *(42.Qb8+* -0.88/23 42.Qd8+ 0.01 *Kg7 43.Qxa7 Kg6∓)* 42...Bxe6∓

with reasonable chances for survival.]
[38.Qxh6∓ -0.81/23 is a better defense. Ne6 39.Qf6]

38...Kg7 39.Qc5



Qd3 40.Re8? -2.41/22
[40.Qd4+ was the persistant defence. Qxd4+ 41.Rxd4 Kf6 42.Ra4 Bxd5 43.Rxa7∓]
[40.Qd4+ -1.78/23 might work better. Qxd4+ 41.Rxd4]

40...Nd7-+
[40...Qxd5? 41.Qxf8+ Kg6 42.Qg8+ Kh5 43.Qg7+-]

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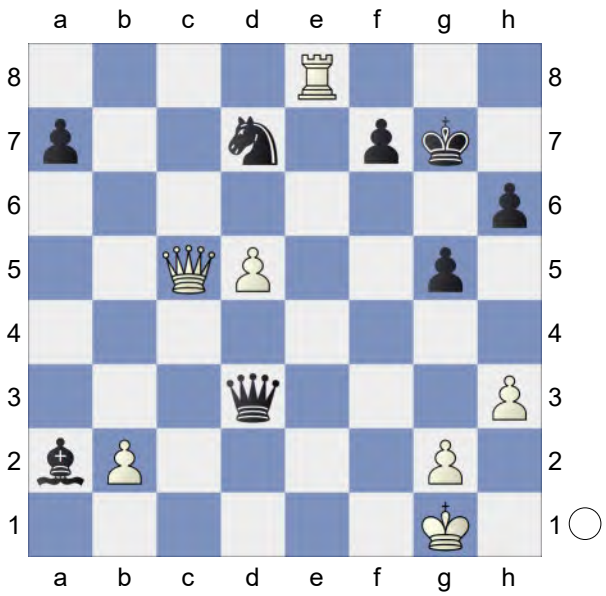
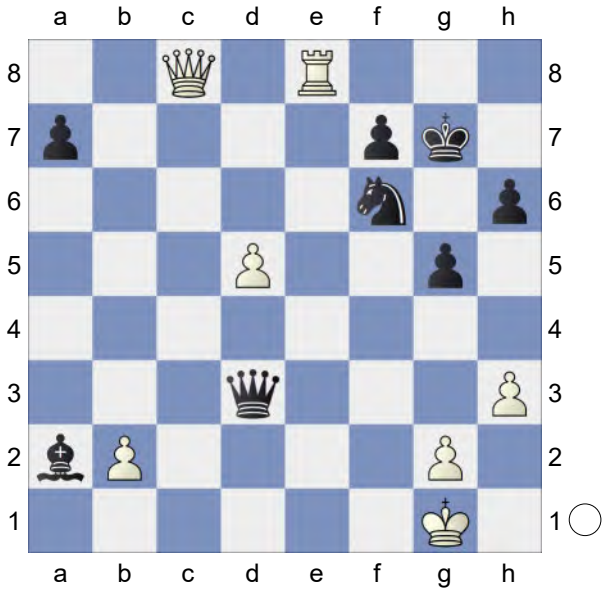


41.Qc8 -4.41/28
[41.Qxa7 -1.99/18 Qd1+ *(41...Qxd5 42.Qa3∓; 41...Nf6? 42.Re1-+)* 42.Kh2]

41...Nf6
[Weaker is 41...Qxd5 42.Rg8+ Kf6 43.Qa6+ Nb6 44.Qxa7 Qd4+ 45.Kh2-+]



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[Seirawan,Y]'.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

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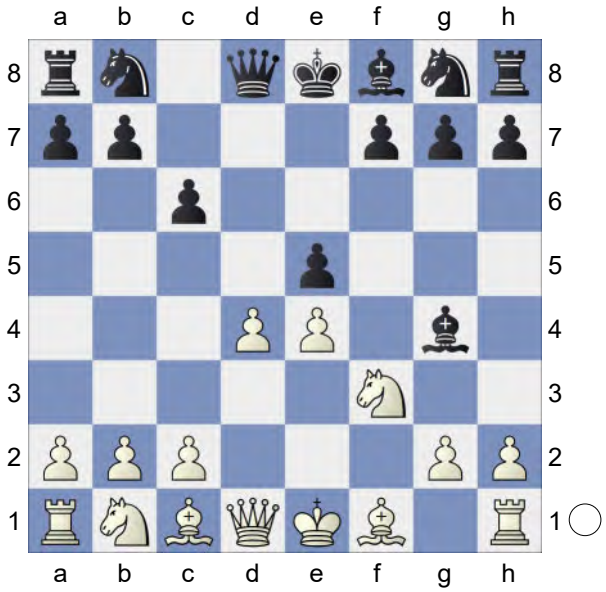
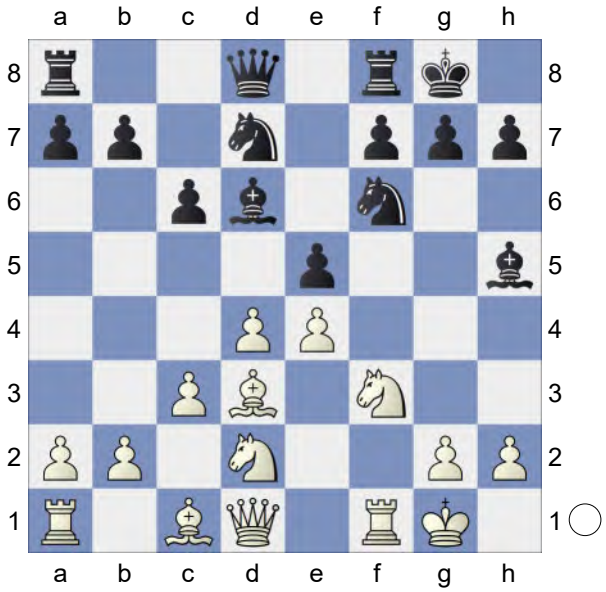
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 A real surprise, the Fantasy Variation! **3...dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4**



6.Bc4 Nd7 7.c3
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
7...Bh5!? Overprotecting f7 makes a lot of sense as white was threatening Qb3.
8.0-0
[8.Qb3 b5]
[8.dxe5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
8...Ngf6 9.Nbd2?! I don't like this move. White later would have trouble developing his queenside. The position is equal.
[9.Bg5 Bd6 10.Nbd2 0-0 With an inter esting and balanced middlegame. Black is very solid and can build up with Qc7 and Re8, overprotecting e5, and putting pressure on the e4 pawn, while white's bigger center and open ffile promises his share of the fun as well.]
[9.Qe1 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Nbd2 Bg6 *(11...0-0 12.Qh4 Bg6 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.Kh1 b5 15.Bb3 c5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bd5 b4 20.Re3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rb8 22.Nc4 Bf4 23.Ree1 Bg5 24.Qf2 a5 25.h4 Bh6 26.h5* 1-0 (36) Maiko,J (2377)-3. ♘c3 ♘c6 4. d4 d5 5.ed5 î (2070) 71/325 Wijk aan Zee 1998 (1)*)* 12.Bd3 b5 13.a4 Rb8 14.axb5 cxb5 15.c4 bxc4 16.Nxc4 0-0 17.Rc1 Bb4 18.Ncxe5 Bxe1 19.Rxc7 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Ba5 21.Rxa7 Bb6 22.Ra4 Bxe4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 1-0 (54) Rojas Keim,L (2674)-8. 00 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5_61494 (2566) 72/ 467 Madrid 1998 (3)]
9...Bd6N
[9...b5 10.Bb3 Qb6 B 12/06-N,N 2001]
10.Bd3 White protects e4 and prepares Nc4 **10...0-0**



11.Qe1?! -0.47/18 This move doesnt make much sense to me. The queen will not feel very at home on g3 with exd4 tactics available, and h4 is a better

square for the knight. Already, black is probably a bit better.
[11.Nc4 Bc7 12.Qc2 Re8∞]
[11.Nc4= -0.01/20 is more appropriate. Bc7 12.Bg5]
11...Re8 12.Kh1 -0.94/18 Prophylaxis. They did not like this move in the commentary room, but Nc5 was becoming a huge issue to deal with.
[12.Nc4?! Nc5! The complications favor black.
A) 13.dxc5? -2.05/19 13.Bb1 -0.52 Bxc5+ 14.Be3 -2.27/22 *(⌓14.Kh1 -1.79/21 Qxd3 15.Nfxe5)* 14...Qxd3;
B) 13.Bb1∓ -0.33/22 is superior. exd4 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.e5;
C) 13.Bc2 -0.78/21 13...exd4∓ 14.e5 Bc7 Hoping for ...Bxf3.
C1) 15.cxd4 -1.47/21 15.Nxd4 -1.04 Bxf3 16.dxc5 Bxg2! 17.Kxg2 -2.76/21 *(17.Rxf6∓ -1.58/21* is a better defense. *Bxe5 18.Kxg2 Bxf6* Discovered Attack *19.Be4)* 17...Qd5+;
C2) 15.Qf2 Bxf3! 16.exf6? -3.31/20 *(16.Qxf3∓ -1.43/20 d3 17.Bb3 Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Be3)* 16...Be2 This looks scary, but black is just winning;
C3) 15.Qh4 Bxf3 16.exf6 -2.33/21 *(16.Rxf3* -1.89/21 was worth a try. *d3 17.Bb3)* 16...d3 Again, scary for black, but he is winning 17.Qg5 -2.99/22 *(⌓17.Rxf3* -2.02/20 *dxc2 18.Bf4)* 17...Ne6;
C4) 15.Nxd4

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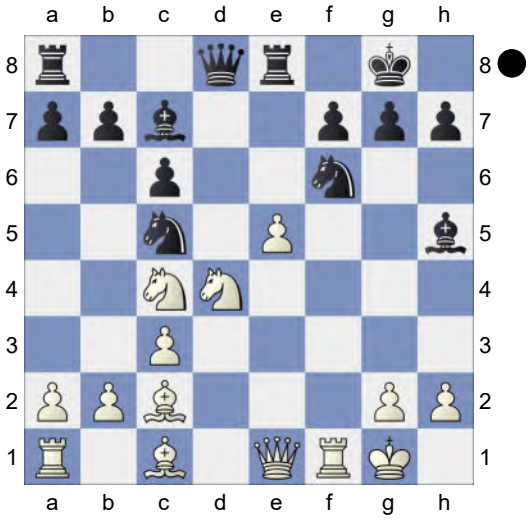
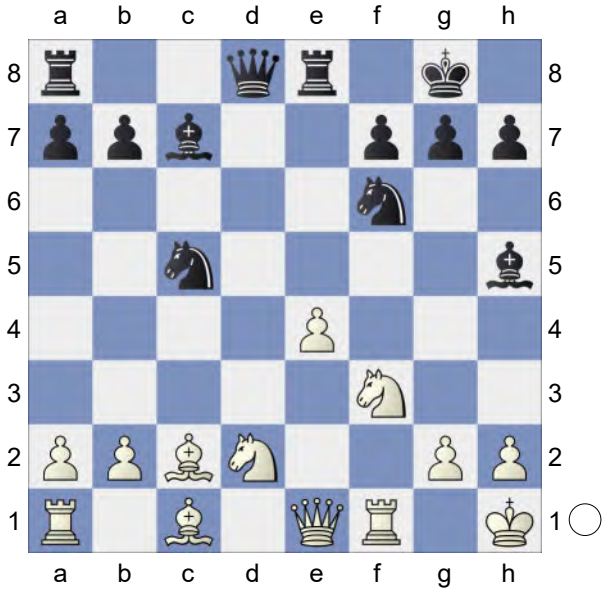
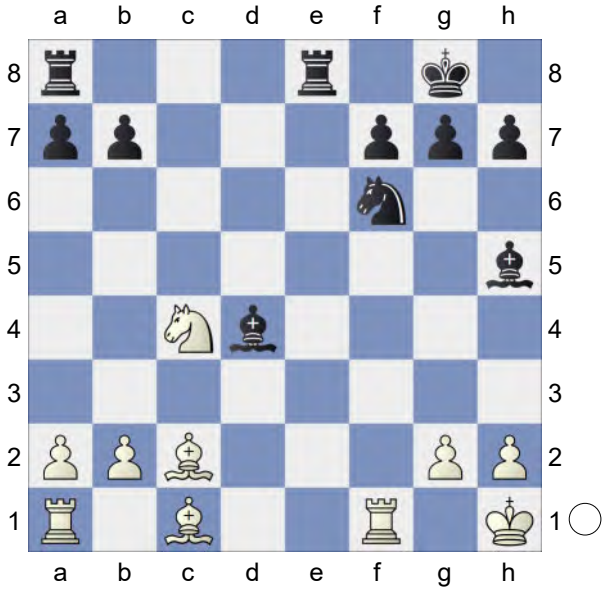


Bg6! 16.Bxg6 hxg6 Black's better pawn structure and light square control gives him the advantage]
[12.Nc4∓ -0.39/19 Bb8 13.Bg5]
12...Bc7!∓ Renewing the threat of Nc5
13.Bc2 exd4! 14.cxd4 c5! White's center collapses and black is left with a big advantage. Black is more active. **15.dxc5**
[15.d5 -1.49/18 15.Nb3 -0.92 Nxd5]
15...Nxc5



16.e5 Ncd7 -0.85/20
[⌓16...Nd3 -1.38/19 17.Qh4 Bxe5 *(17...Nxe5 18.Ne4∓)*]

17.Qh4 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 -1.41/21
[⌓18.Ne4 -0.78/19 Nxe4 19.Qxh5]
18...Bxe5 19.Nc4
[19.Rxf6? -7.61/21 19.Ne4 -1.27 Bxf6 20.Qxh5 Re1+]
19...Qd4! 20.Qxd4 Bxd4



21.Nd6 Re6 22.Nf5
[22.Nxb7? -3.64/22 22.Nf5 -1.35 Be2-+ 23.Re1 *(23.Rf4* -4.99/21 2 3 . R e 1 - 3 . 3 7 *Ba6 24.Bd2* Wards off Re1+ *Bb6 25.Na5 Re2)* 23...Bf2]
22...Bc5 ...Be2 is the strong threat.
23.Bb3 Re5 24.Bd2 Ne4 25.Rae1 Rae8
[25...Nxd2 26.Rxe5 Nxf1 27.Rxc5±]

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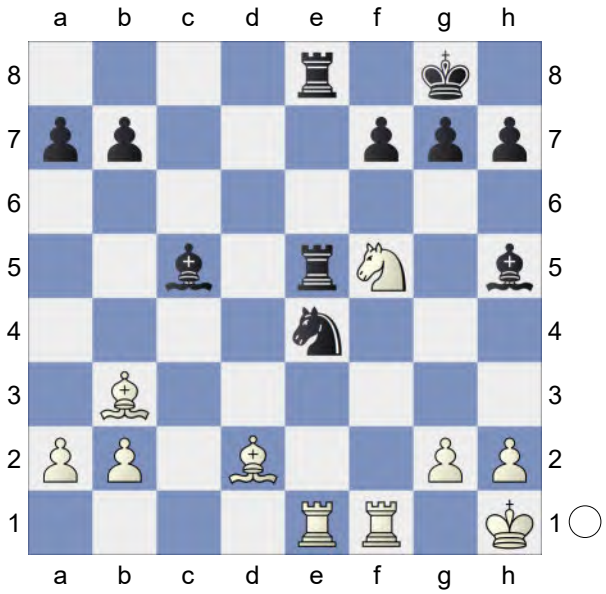
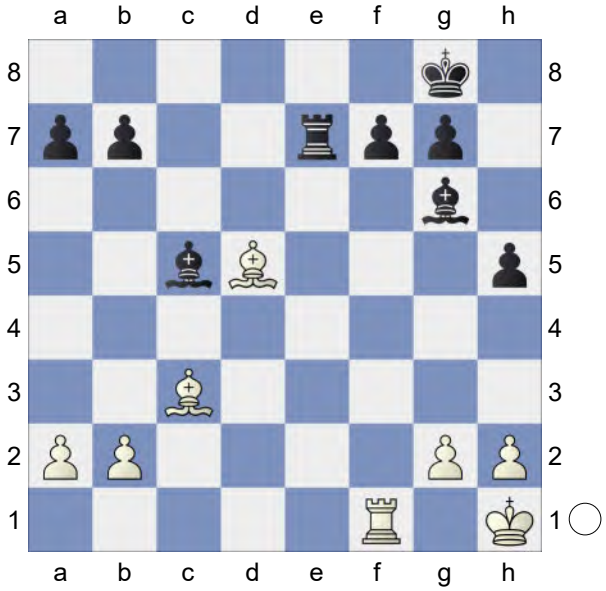


26.Rxe4 Decoy **26...Rxe4 27.Ng3 Bg6 28.Nxe4 Rxe4** I can hardly imagine white ever getting more than a draw here, which is not even good enough. **29.Bc3 h5 30.Bd5 Re7**



31.b4 Bb6 32.a4 a6 33.a5

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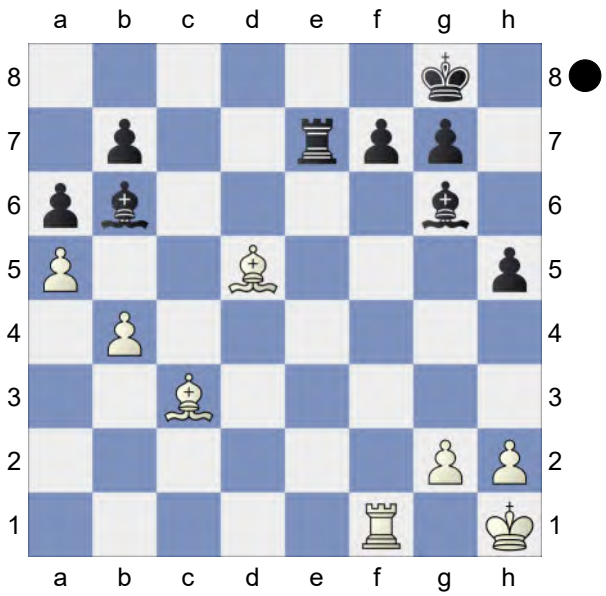
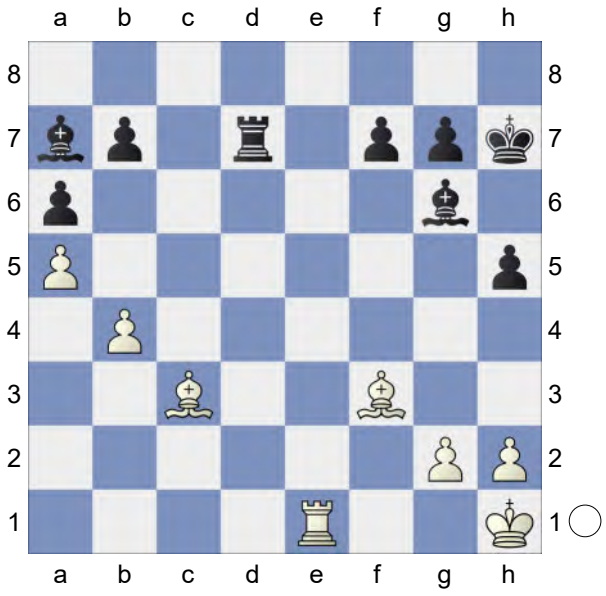


Ba7 White made a little progress, fixing the b7 pawn, but his cause is still a nearly hopeless one. **34.Re1 Rd7 35.Bf3 Kh7** -0.26/22

[Black should try 35...h4∓ -1.12/21 36.Re8+ Kh7]



36.Re8 -1.37/21

[36.Rd1!= -0.26/22 keeps the balance. Re7 37.h3]

36...Rc7 37.Bd2 h4! -0.92/25 not letting white's king off the back rank

[⌓37...Rc2 -1.48/24 38.Rd8 h4]

38.g3? -2.43/24

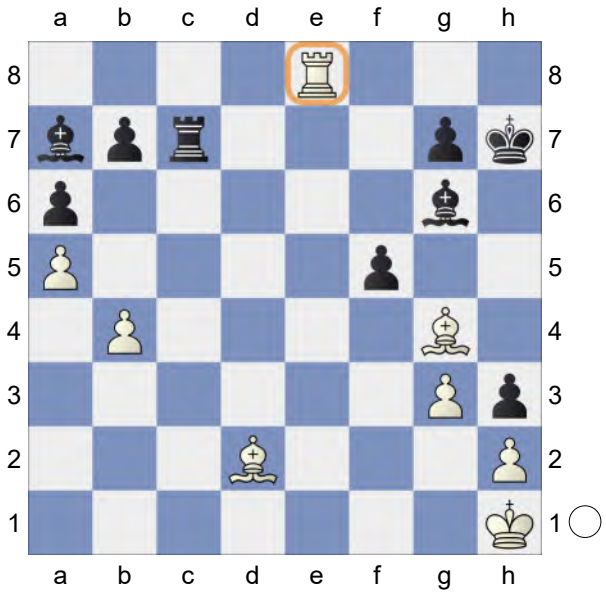
[38.h3 Doesn't help- the king does not get any real breathing room, the back rank threats will still be deadly Bf2]

[38.Re1∓ -0.92/25 was called for.]

38...h3-+ Black is winning pretty trivially here, but there's still some work to be done. However, white makes things easier with his next move. Strongly threatening ...Rc2. **39.Bg4??** -10.40/26

[⌓39.Re1 -2.40/25]

39...f5



With both his bishop and rook hanging, white gave up. Discovered Attack.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

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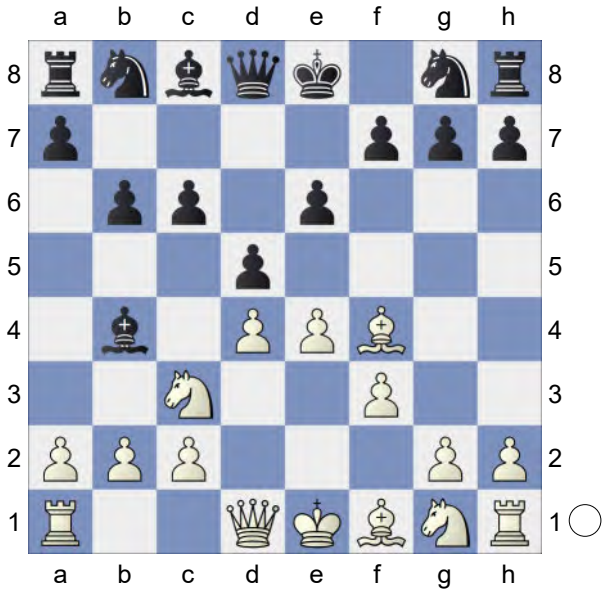
124 **B12**
□ **Belov,Vladimir S** **2579**
■ **Kornev,Alexei** **2525**
RUS Cup final (1.2) 06.11.2008
[Erenburg,Sergey]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
RR: 'Inf 91/(72)' Kasparov,Sergey: 'Kasparov,S: 'Inf 100/(57)''**1.e4** ChessBase Erenburg **1...c6**
[1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7 5.Nd5 White has a strong knight 5.Nd5]
2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bf4 b6



The point of this move is to prevent White's usual maneouvre ♕d1-d3-e3. Also Black keeps the options open for the kingside knight.
6.Nge2 Ba6?! The drawback of this move is that the a-pawn cannot be pushed forward should White castle queenside, unless Black exchanges his light-squared bishop.
[6...Nf6 7.Qd3 would lead to main lines.]
[or 6...Ne7 7.Qd3 a5 *(7...Ba6 8.Qe3 Nd7 9.0-0-0 Rc8 10.g4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Re8 14.Bd6 Ra8 15.Rde1 Nf6 16.Bg3 c5 17.Nb5 cxd4 18.Qxd4 dxe4 19.Qf2 Qd5 20.Nc7 Qa2 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Qd4* 0-1 (36) 7 Bc4, 1 (2510)-Classical 6...Ne4 (2609) Gistrup 1996 (1.2)*)* 8.0-0-0 Ba6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.h4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.Bd6 Rc8 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nf4 Morozevich,A (2732)-Vallejo Pons,F (2663) (blindfold) 91/(72) 2004]
7.Qd2 Nf6N
[7...Ne7 8.0-0-0 Nd7 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Nxc3 Bxf1 11.Rhxf1 0-0 12.Bd6 Re8 13.g4 b5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 Collazo,E (2413)-7.d5 ♘h5 8. ♕d2 ♕h4_5915 (2500) Ding Liren - Gelfand 2015]
8.a3 White is slightly better. **8...Be7**
[8...Bxc3 9.Nxc3 Bxf1 10.Rxf1 0-0 11.0-0-0± Now Black is experiencing some discomfort due to the lack of space. Nbd7? 1.48/19 *(Better is 11...b5; 11...a5±* 0.31/19 *)* 12.Bd6± Re8 13.e5]
9.g4!?
[The normal 9.0-0-0 is possible. 0-0 10.g4 And now Black cannot play either ...b6-b5, since it'll make his light-squared bishop too passive, or ... a7-a5, because of the bishop on a6. dxe4?! *(10...Nbd7±* 0.59/17 10...b5 0.05is better *)* 11.fxe4 Nxg4 1.16/20 *(11...b5=* 0.30/19 remains equal. *)* 12.Rg1→]
9...dxe4 10.fxe4 Nxg4

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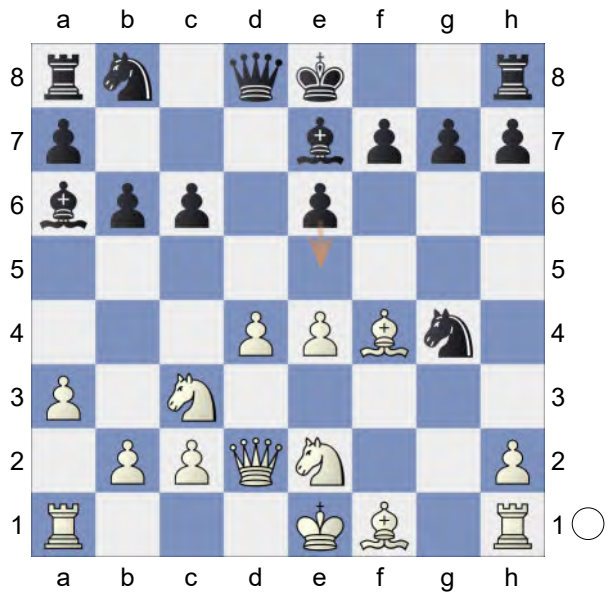

11.e5 Nd7
[11...0-0 0.83/20 11...c5 0.18 12.h3 Bh4+ 13.Ng3 Bxg3+ 14.Bxg3 Nh6 15.0-0-0 Bxf1 16.Rhxf1 *(16.Bf4!? Nf5 17.Rhxf1∓)* 16...Nf5 17.Bf4⩲]
12.Ne4 White has compensation.
[12.Ng3!? Bxf1 13.Rxf1±]
12...c5 0.99/20
[12...f5± 0.43/18 13.Rg1 Nf8]
13.Rg1?
[Better was 13.h3 Bb7 *(13...Bh4+? 3.12/21 13...Nh6 0.69 14.N2g3+-)* 14.Bg2! And now Nd6+ would win. Bh4+ 15.Bg3! Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Bg5 17.Nf4 Nh6 18.h4! Nf5 19.Bxf5 Bxf4 20.Qxf4 exf5 21.d5+-]
13...f5

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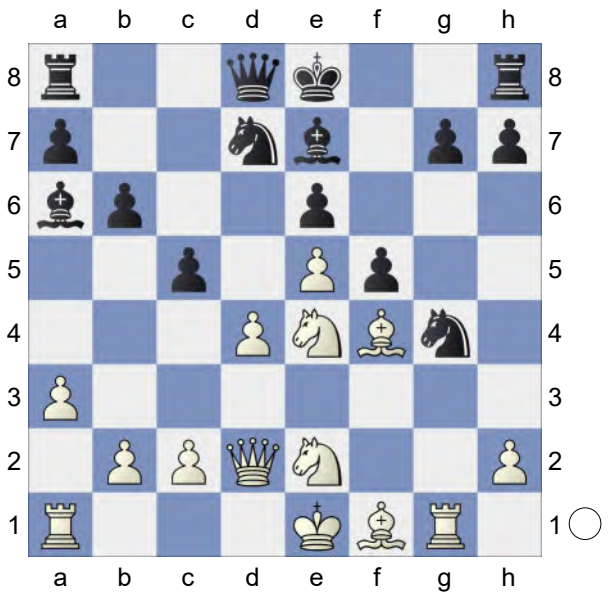
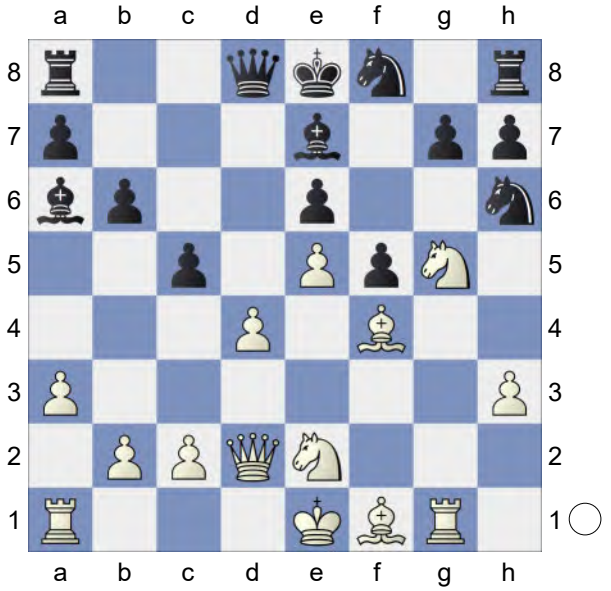


14.Ng5 0.39/18
[White should play 14.exf6!± 0.98/18 Ndxf6 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.0-0-0 *(16.Rxg7 Nh5=)*]
14...Nf8!± 15.h3! Nh6



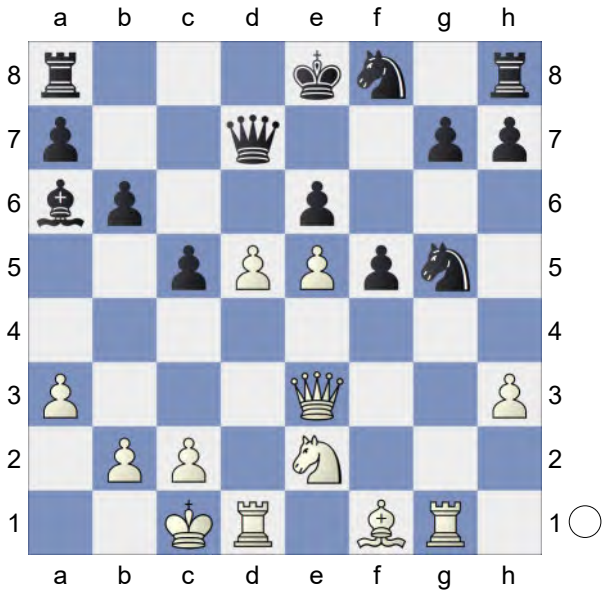
16.0-0-0↑ Threatens to win with Qe3. White is more active. **16...Qd7** 0.99/18 White now steadily converts the win.
[Black should try 16...Nf7± 0.43/19]
17.d5
[17.Nxe6 is interesting. Nxe6 18.d5 Nxf4 19.Nxf4 Bxf1 20.Ne6]
17...Bxg5 1.80/20

[17...exd5 2.12/22 17...Qxd5 0.88 18.e6±]
[17...Qxd5± 0.80/23 18.Qe1 *(18.Qxd5 exd5 19.Nc3 Bxg5=)* 18...Qc6]

18.Bxg5+- aiming for Nf4.
[18.Rxg5?! Rd8±]

18...Nf7 19.Qe3
[19.Nc3 Bxf1 20.Rdxf1 *(20.Rgxf1 Ng6=)* 20...Ng6=]

19...Nxg5 2.30/22
[19...Bxe2± 1.59/20 20.Bxe2 Qa4]



20.dxe6!
[20.Qxg5 exd5 21.Nf4 *(21.Qxg7 Qxg7 22.Rxg7 Ne6∓)* 21...Bxf1]
[20.Rxg5 0-0-0±]

20...Qxd1+

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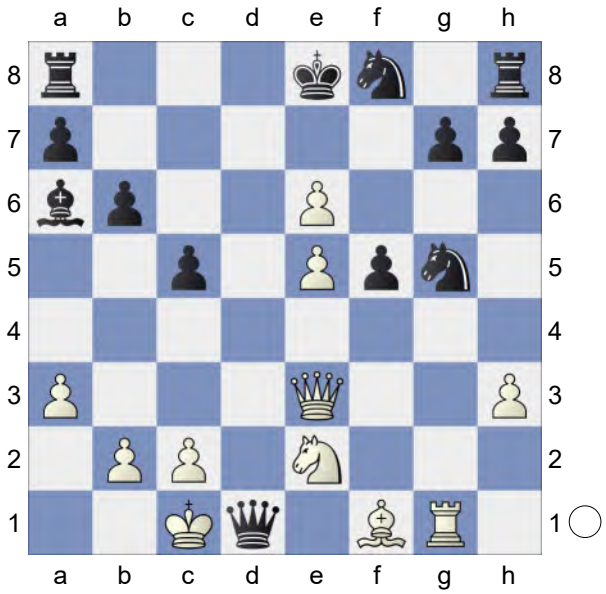
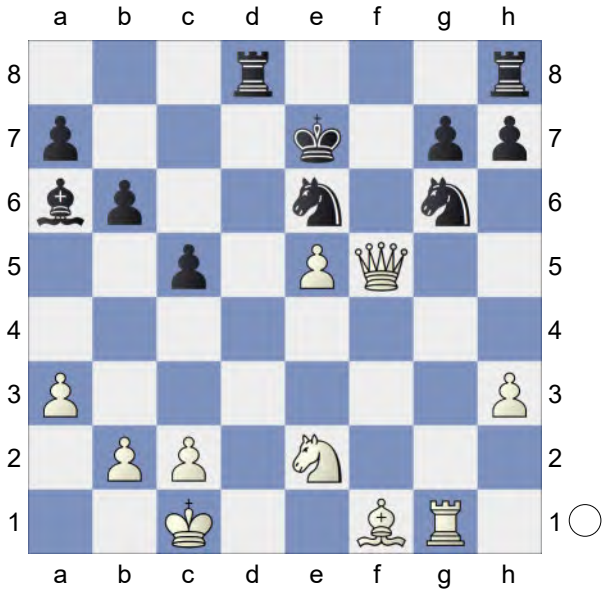


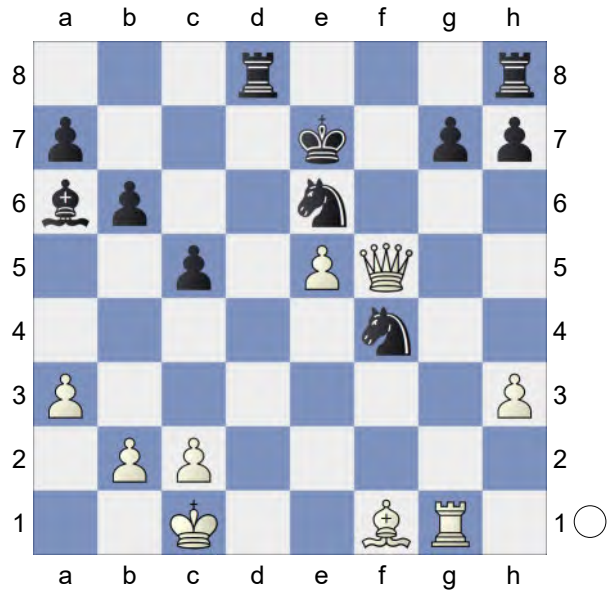
21.Kxd1 Ngxe6
[Of course not 21...Bxe2+ 22.Bxe2 f4 23.Qxf4 Nfxe6 24.Qe3+- *(24.Qa4+ Ke7+-)*]

22.Qf3 Rd8+ 23.Kc1 Ng6 2.84/21
[23...Bxe2± 1.60/20 24.Qc6+ Zwischenzug *(24.Qxe2 Ng6+-; 24.Bxe2 Nd4+-)* 24...Rd7 25.Bxe2 Nd4 26.Bh5+ g6]

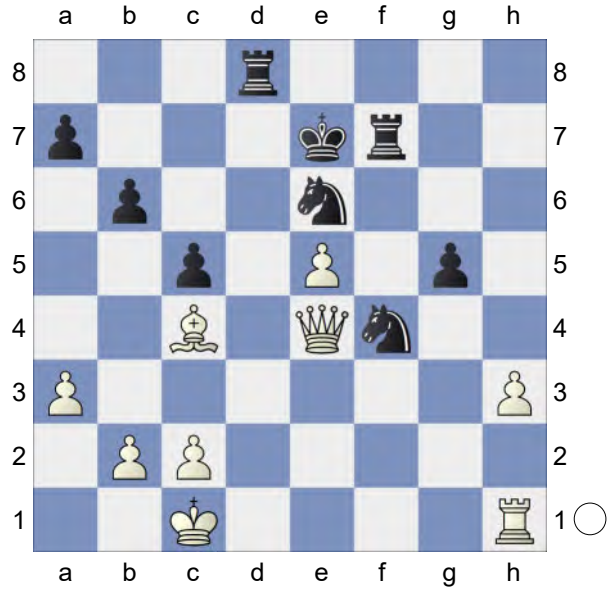
24.Qxf5 Ke7 4.09/21
[24...Bc8 2.52/21 keeps fighting. 25.Bg2 Nd4]



25.Nf4! Discovered Attack **25...Ngxf4**



26.Bxa6 Threatening mate with Rxg7+!
26...Rhf8 27.Qxh7 Rf7 28.Qe4 g5
29.Rh1 Nd4 6.37/21
[⌓29...Nc7 4.09/19 30.Bf1 Nfe6]
30.Bc4 White is clearly winning.
30...Nde6



31.Rd1 Black must now prevent Qb7+.
31...Rxd1+ 32.Kxd1 Kf8 33.c3 Kg7
34.Kc2 Rf8 35.Qc6

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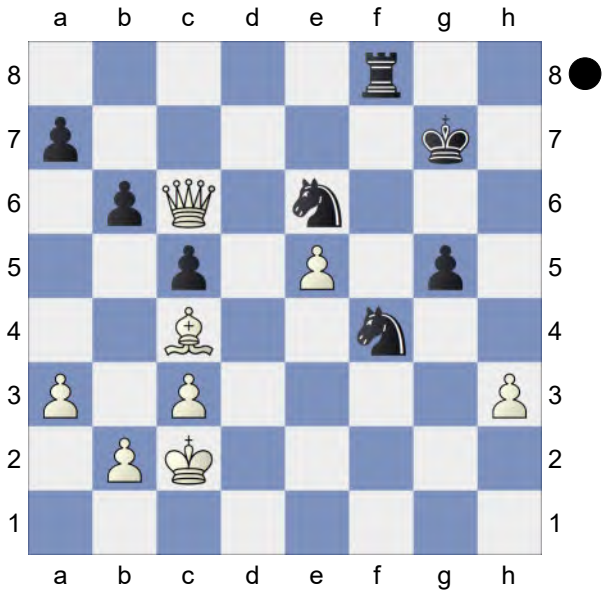

Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.44
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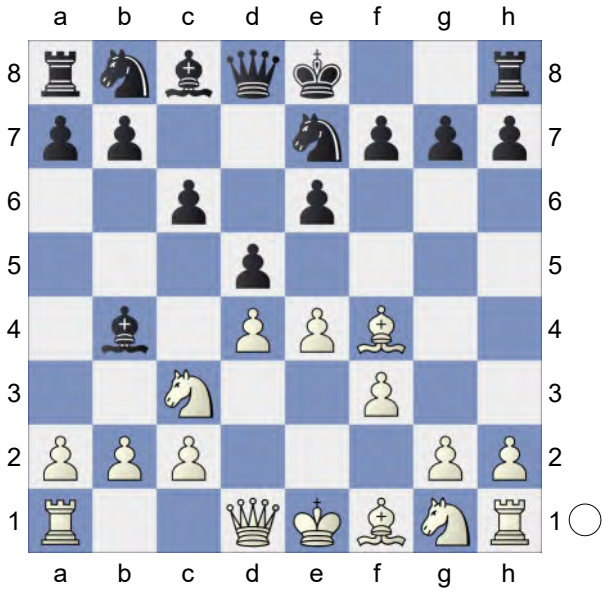
125 **B12**
□ **Srebrnic,Marko** **2400**
■ **Tratar,Marko** **2419**
Terme Krka ch-Open (6.2) 07.07.2021
[Daniel Fernandez]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bf4 Ne7



6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 The position is equal. **8...0-0** The main move and also most flexible.

[8...Nd7 passed without too much comment from me in the July game Djukic,N-Braun,A INT 2021, but probably White has decent chances of an opening advantage. 9.h4 0-0

A) 10.h5!? might be a more accurate order, forcing Black to deal with the a-file aspect of the problems as well. c5 *(10...Re8? 11.h6 g6 12.a3±)* 11.h6 g6 12.0-0-0 Re8 transposing.;

B) 10.0-0-0 Re8 11.h5 c5 12.h6 g6 transposing.

B1) Not 13.Kb1 Nc6! when the advantage, if any, is small and complicated. Now it is too late for 14.a3 0.20/21 due to *(14.Qf2± 0.73/17 Bxe2 15.Nxe2)* 14...Bxc3= 15.Qxc3 Bxe2 taking a pawn for somewhat intangible compensation.;

B2) 13.a3! The reason for this insertion is rather deep and I underestimated it before. 13...Ba5 *(13...Bxc3* 0.80/20 13...Ba5 0.43 *14.Nxc3! Bxf1 15.Rhxf1±)* 14.Kb1 Nc6 0.81/20 *(14...Bxe2* 0.79/20 14...Rc8 0.25 *15.Bxe2 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 c4±* is a lesser evil.*; 14...Rc8±* 0.33/19 deserves consideration.*)* 15.Bg5!± Without a3 and ...Ba5 inserted, this is the line I recommended in the notes to Djukic- Braun. But as a subscriber mentioned, there is a difference to do with White getting back-rank mated. In particular, the sacrifice f6 16.Bh4 Bxc3 1.06/22 *(16...Rc8!±* 0.46/17 *)* 17.Qxc3± Bxe2 18.Bxe2 Nxd4 19.Rxd4! works for White. cxd4 20.Qxd4 dxe4 21.Rd1! Ne5 1.63/23 *(21...Nc5±* 1.15/20 keeps fighting. *)* 22.Qxe4+-]

9.0-0-0 Now Black can try to economise on ...Nd7 in various ways.

[9.h4? -0.24/20 9.0-0-0 0.13 c5→ and Black is significantly better.]

9...Bc4N 0.43/20 This is likely to end up as a similar tempo loss to ...Rc8-a8 in the aforementioned July game.

[9...c5! was played by several 2600+ players and keeps a good reputation. 10.exd5 *(10.a3 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Nd7 12.Bg3 Bb7 13.Qe3 Rc8 14.h4 a6*

15.h5 cxd4 16.Qxd4 e5 17.Qd2 h6 18.Kb1 b5 19.Nc1 Qc7 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Bd3 N7b6 Fantasy Variation-N,N*)* 10...Bxe2 *(10...exd5* also works out OK in the end, in spite of Black's central structure looking dodgy. *11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Nbc6 14.dxc5* Threatens to win with Nb5. *d4 15.Qe2 bxc5 16.Ne4 Ng6∞)* 11.Bxe2 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 *(12.dxe6 Bxd4 13.exf7+ Rxf7 14.Qe6* Bc4 is the strong threat. *Kf8∞)* 12...Nxd5 13.Qd2 Nc6 14.dxc5 bxc5_ Hynes,W-Krebs, J ICCF email 2008]

[9...Nd7= 0.05/18 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Nxc3 Bxf1 12.Rhxf1 c5 13.Bd6 cxd4 14.Rxd4 e5 15.Rxd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Re8 17.Nc7 Nc5 18.Nxe8 Qxe8 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Qxc5 h5 21.Rd1 Qe6 22.Kb1 h4 23.Rd6 Qe7 24.Qd5 Re8 1-0 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 Ne3 with 16. e (2402)-Camacho Dominguez,F (2391) 70/(541) Alushta 1997]

10.g4!?

[The delay makes it much easier for White to simply launch the h-pawn forward. 10.h4 c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Nd7 13.exd5±]

10...Nd7

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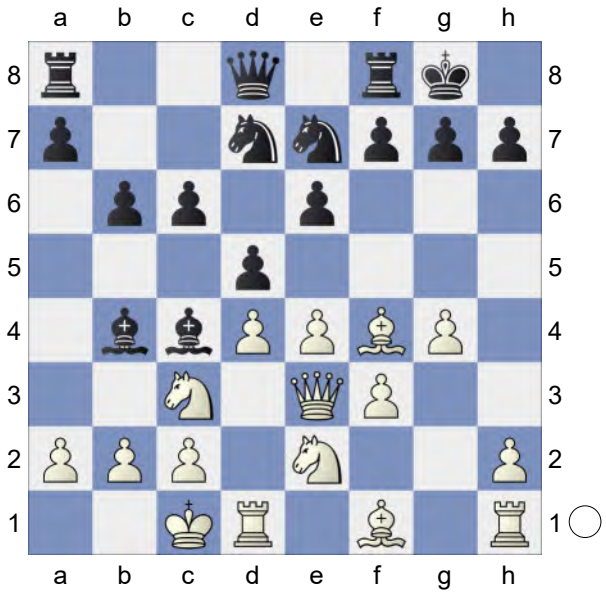
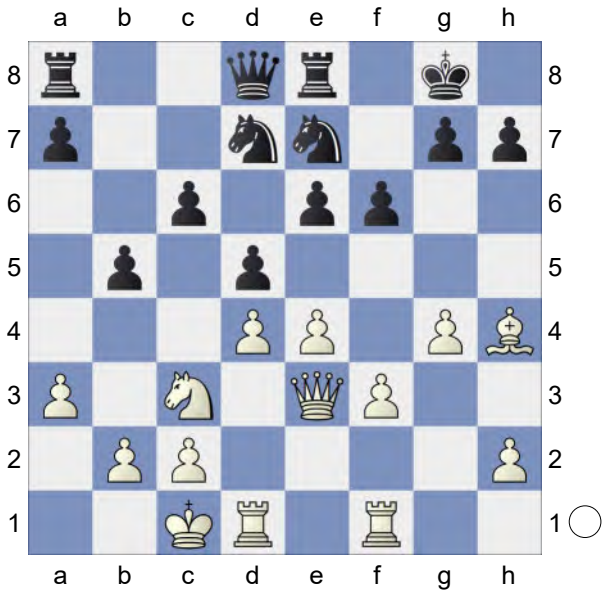


11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3± Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Re8 14.Bg5?! 0.02/18

[For the second time in this game, White picks a pawn other than the h-pawn, and this time it looks rather artificial. 14.h4 b5 15.h5± would lead to a sharp situation where White's attack seems faster.]

[14.h4± 0.39/19 might be stronger.]

14...f6 15.Bh4 b5



16.f4 Ng6

[This isn't really the time for positional plans. In the spirit of the position was

16...Nb6 with ideas of ...a5 and ...b4, or in some cases ... Nc4.]

17.Bg3 f5 18.e5!? Showing some imagination in the face of Black's positional concept. **18...Rf8**

[The idea was seemingly 18...fxg4 19.h3! when White can use the h- and g-files for quite a quick attack, and at least in practical terms can count on full compensation.]

19.h3 -0.24/18

[⌓19.g5 0.14/18]

19...Rb8 0.35/19

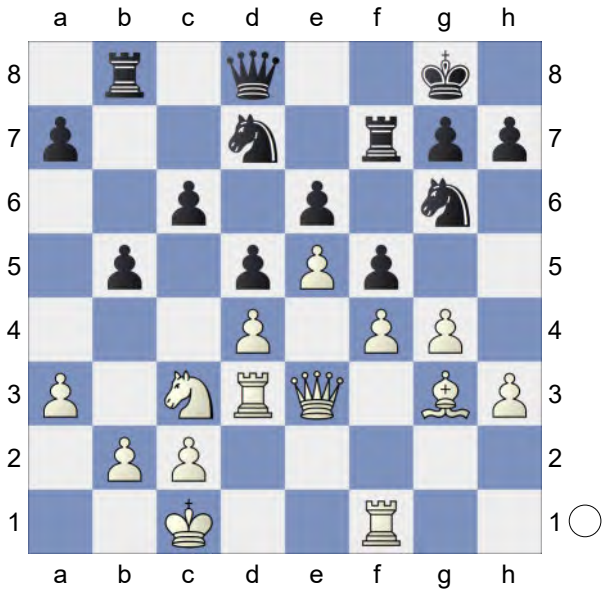
[19...a5= -0.24/18]

20.Rd3 -0.17/19

[20.Be1± 0.35/19]

20...Rf7!?

[Possible is 20...a5 or ...Nb6 with more conventional attacking plans in mind. White struggles to get anywhere on the kingside.]



Around here Black is alternating kingside and queenside moves in a way that creates quite a curious impression.

21.Nd1 Qb6 22.Qe1 Rbf8?! 0.72/20

[22...c5= 0.09/18]

23.Ne3!± Since Black hasn't chosen to force through ...b4, White has gained time to reroute the knight and force some concession related to the f5-pawn.

23...Ne7 0.99/20

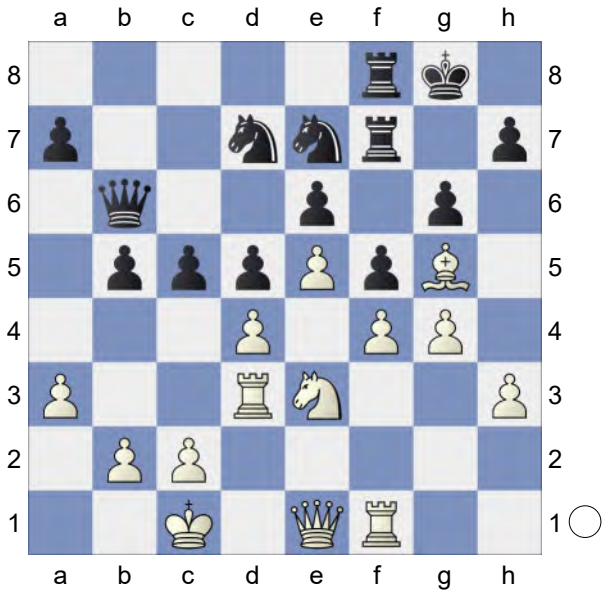
[23...Re8!± 0.50/19]

24.Bh4 g6 25.Bg5 0.52/17

[The computer notes the interesting option of 25.b4!? , completely stalling Black's queenside play and gaining even more free time for improving the position on the kingside.]

[25.Bxe7± 1.02/19 Rxe7 26.b4]

25...c5!±



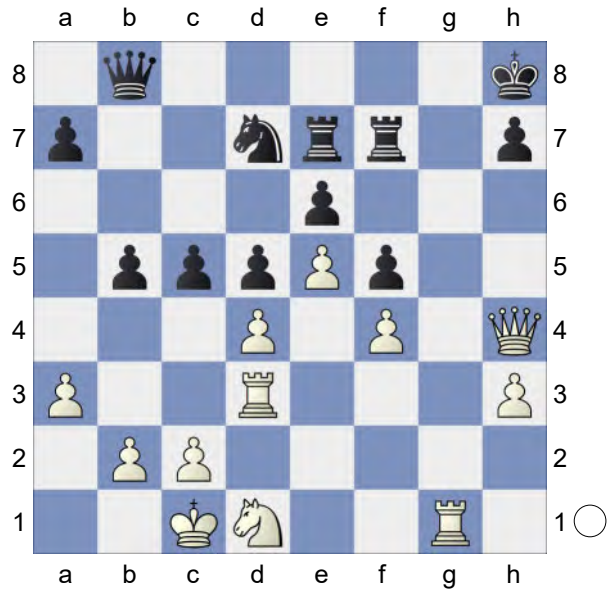
Black at least needs to breathe and this move takes full advantage of the respite offered by White's last. **26.Qh4 Re8 27.Bxe7** Remove Defender **27...Rexe7 28.gxf5** 0.13/20

[28.Rfd1± 0.69/17]

28...gxf5= 29.Rg1+ Kh8? 2.46/25

[29...Rg7! more or less neutralises White's attack, although some slightly worrying activity remains, e.g. 30.Qxe7 Rxg1+ 31.Rd1 Rg7 32.dxc5! Rxe7 33.Rg1+ Kf8 34.cxb6 Nxb6 35.Nf1_ and the position isn't yet completely drawn (since White can try and get a knight to d4 and then

play on with b3, Kd2-c3, etc.)]
[29...Rg7= 0.01/25 30.Rdd1 Ref7]
30.Nd1? 0.12/23
[30.Nxd5+- 2.46/25 exd5 31.Rdg3]
30...Qb8 1.08/22
[30...cxd4= 0.12/23 31.Rdg3 Qd8 *(31...Rg7 32.Qxe7 Rg6 33.Rxg6 hxg6 34.Rxg6 Qc7 35.Qh4#)*]



31.Rdg3 Qf8 1.36/26
[Better is 31...cxd4 0.95/22 32.Qg5 Re8 *(32...Rg7 33.Qxg7+ Rxg7 34.Rxg7±)*]
32.Rg5 0.63/23
[With two pairs of rooks on the board, sending the knight to the kingside (even quite slowly) with 32.Nc3 a6 33.Ne2 would assure Black's demise in quite short order.]
[White should try 32.dxc5± 1.36/26 Nxc5 33.Nc3]
32...Rg7 33.Qf2 0.42/22
[33.Nf2± 0.79/20]
33...Rxg5± 34.Rxg5 Rg7 35.Rxg7 Kxg7

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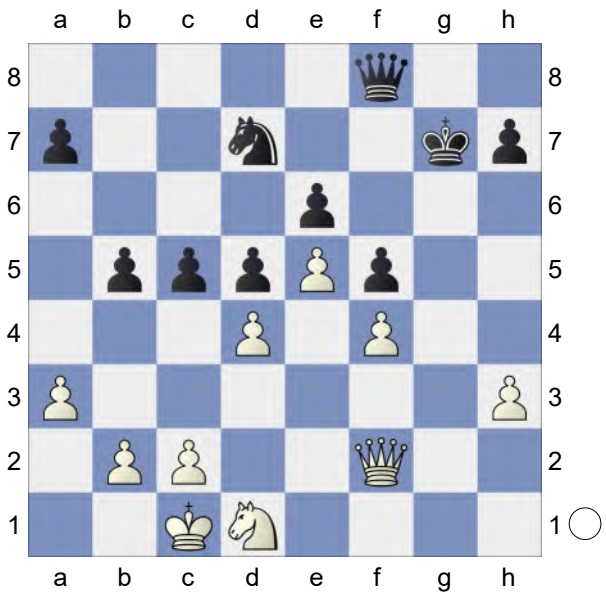
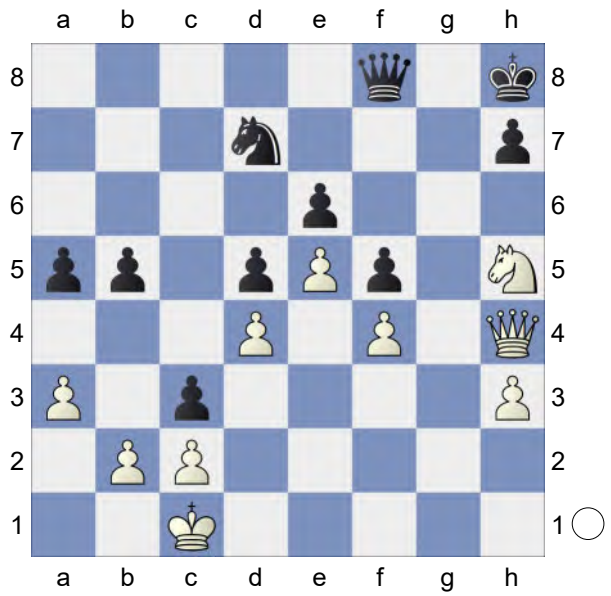
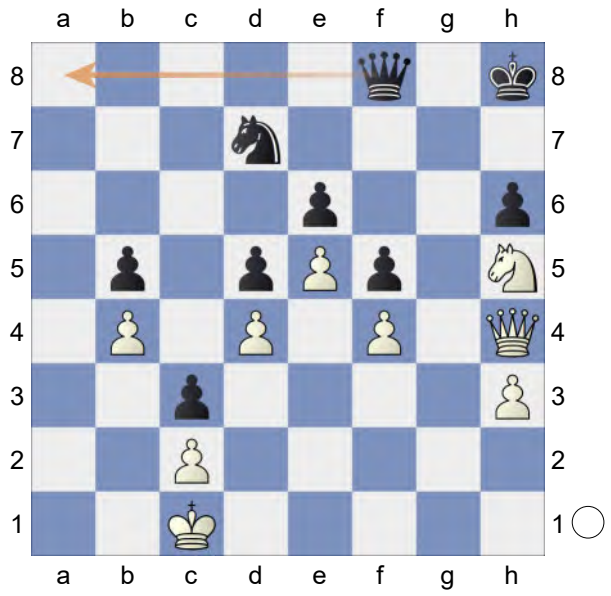


Endgame. KQN-KQN **36.Nc3** White still has a small advantage here, and for a while Black's defensive abilities continue to be tested. **36...a6 37.Ne2**
[To my slight surprise the engine notes that 37.dxc5 Qxc5? 38.Qxc5 Nxc5 39.Kd2+- followed by Ke3 and Ne2-d4 gives White a winning ending, indicating that Black should leave queens on in spite of the lesser activity of their queen.]
[37.dxc5 simplifies Qxc5 38.Qxc5 Nxc5 39.Kd2]
37...c4! An excellent practical decision.
38.Qh4 a5 39.Ng3 0.07/23
[39.Qg3+± 0.45/21 feels stronger. Kh8 40.Qg5]
39...Kh8 40.Nh5 c3 0.87/25

(Diagram)



41.b4!±
[41.bxc3?! Qxa3+ 42.Kb1 Qf8=]
41...axb4 42.axb4 h6



43.Kd1 -0.01/25
[White should play 43.Qg3!± 0.89/27 Qg8 44.Qxg8+ *(44.Qxc3 Qg1+ 45.Kb2 Nb6±)* 44...Kxg8 45.Ng3]
43...Qg8 0.60/24
[43...Qxb4= -0.01/25 44.Qd8+ Qf8 45.Qxd7 Qg8]
44.Ng3!± Qf8 45.Ke2 Nb8

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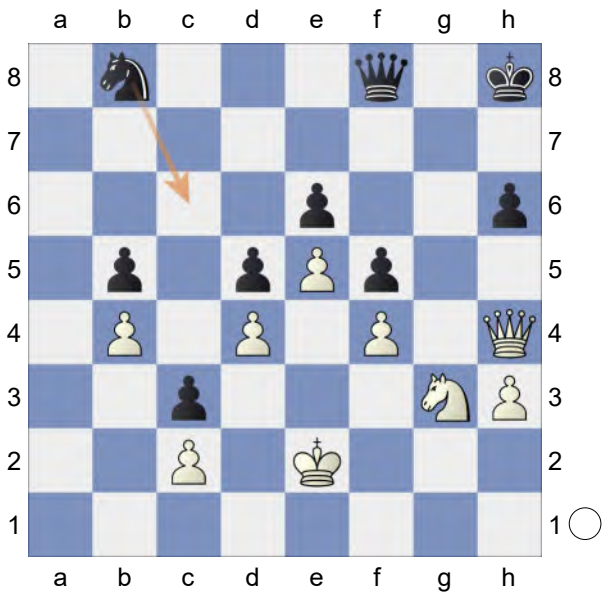

46.Qh5
[46.Nh5 simplifies Nc6 47.Kf1 Nxb4 48.Qg3]
46...Kh7= Now Black's knight is free for various activities on the queenside and soon makes a nuisance of itself. Black eventually prevailed in what turned out to be an absolute marathon of an ending. Repels Qg6+ **47.Kd3 Nc6 48.Ne2 Nxb4+ 49.Kxc3 Nc6 50.Kd3** -1.09/21
[50.Qh4= -0.01/23 keeps the balance.]
50...Ne7 -0.01/22
[50...b4∓ -1.09/21]

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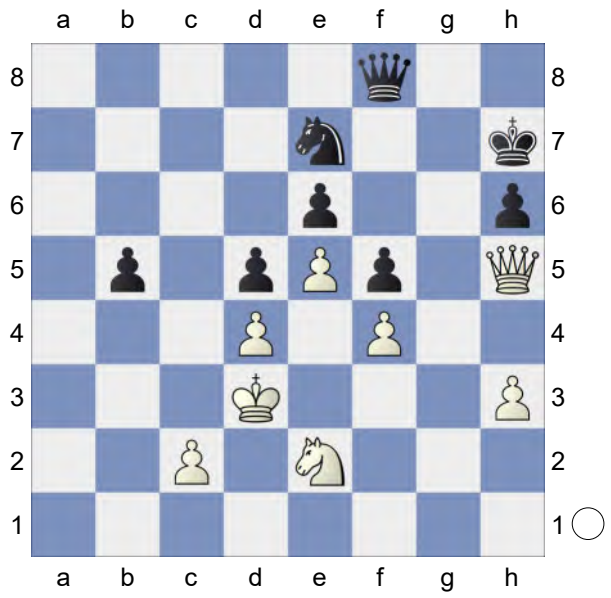
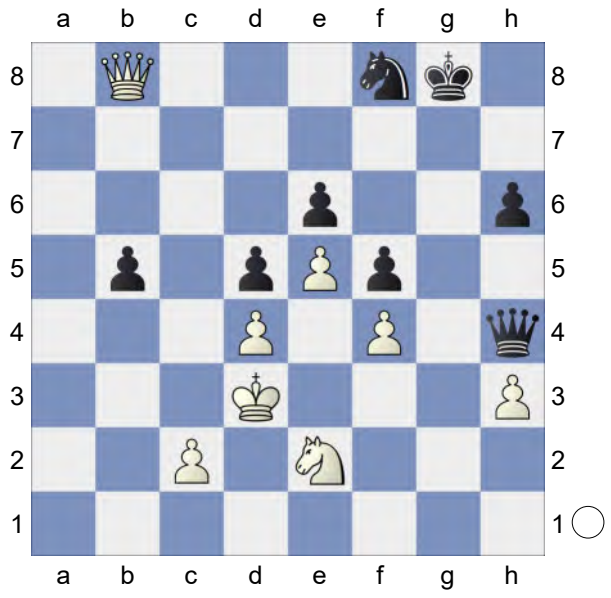


51.Qh4 Against **51...Ng6 52.Qe1 Qd8 53.Qa1 Qh4 54.Qa7+ Kg8 55.Qb8+ Nf8**



56.Qxb5 Qxh3+ 57.Kd2 Qf3 58.Qb7 Qe4 59.c4 Deflection **59...dxc4 60.Qxe4 fxe4**

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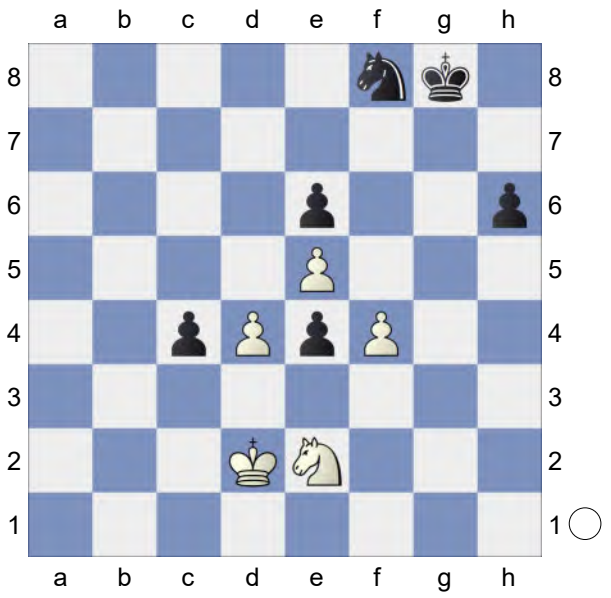

KN-KN **61.Ke3** -0.48/24

[61.Ng3= 0.00/20 is superior.]

61...Ng6!∓ Hoping for ...Ne7. **62.Kxe4 Ne7** And now ...h5 would win. **63.Nc3 h5 64.Kf3?** -4.41/21

[64.f5∓ -0.83/22 Nxf5 65.d5]

64...Nd5-+ 65.Ne2

[65.Nxd5 exd5 66.f5 h4 67.f6 Kf7 *(67...c3 68.Ke3 h3 69.Kd3 h2 70.Kxc3 h1Q 71.Kd3 Qe4+ 72.Kc3 Kf7 73.Kd2 Qxd4+ 74.Ke2 Qxe5+ 75.Kd3 Qe4+ 76.Kc3 Qc4+ 77.Kd2 d4 78.Ke1 d3 79.Kd2 Qd4 80.Kc1 d2+ 81.Kd1 Kxf6 82.Ke2 d1Q#)* 68.Kf4 h3 69.Kf3 h2 *(69...c3 70.Ke3 h2 71.Kd3 h1Q 72.Kxc3 Qd1 73.Kb2 Qxd4+ 74.Kc2 Qxe5 75.Kd3 d4 76.Kc4 Qe3 77.Kc5 d3+ 78.Kc6 d2 79.Kc7 Qc5+ 80.Kb8 d1Q 81.Kb7 Qb5+ 82.Kc8 Qdd7#)* 70.Kg2 c3 71.Kxh2 c2 72.Kg3 c1Q *(72...c1B 73.Kf3∓)* 73.Kh2 Qg5 74.Kh1 Qd2 75.Kg1 Qxd4+ 76.Kg2 Qxe5 77.Kf3 Kxf6 78.Kf2 Kf5 79.Kg1 Kf4 80.Kg2 Qe2+ 81.Kh1 Kg3 82.Kg1 Qg2#]

65...Kf7

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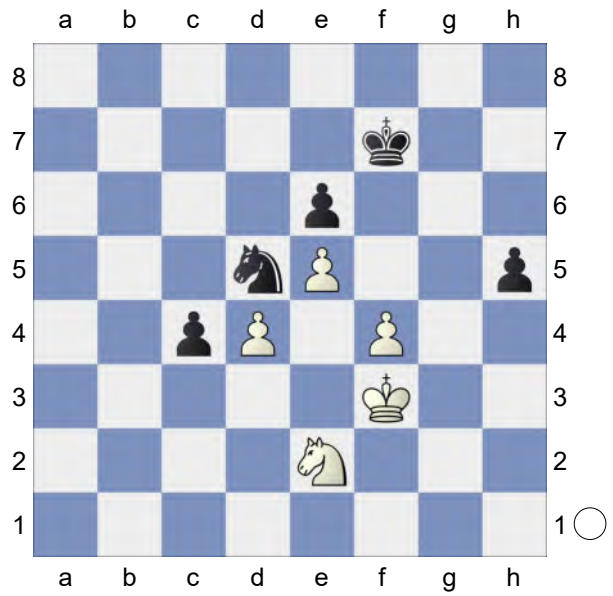
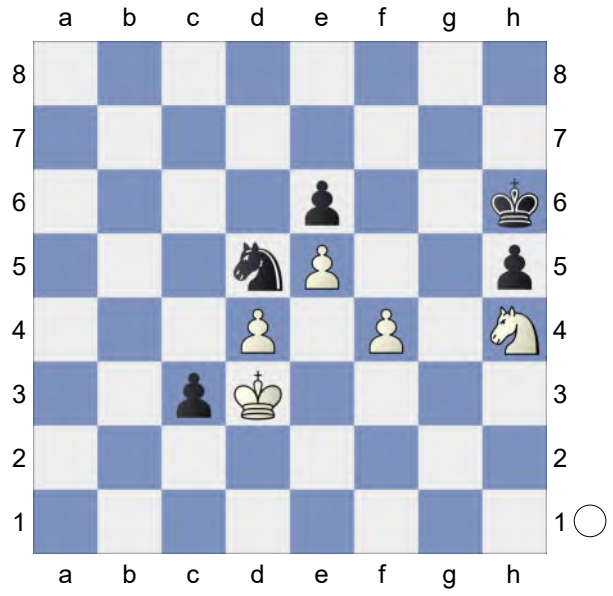


66.Ke4 Ne7 67.Ng1 c3? -0.01/29
[67...Kg6-+ -2.85/23 ...Nf5 would now be deadly. 68.Ne2 h4]
68.Kd3= Nd5 69.Nf3! Kg7
[69...Nxf4+ simplifies 70.Kxc3 Kg6 71.Kd2 Nd5]
70.Nh4 Kh6



71.Nf3 Nxf4+ 72.Kxc3 Kg6 73.Kd2! Kf5 Strongly threatening ...Ke4. **74.Ke3 Nd5+ 75.Kf2 Kf4**

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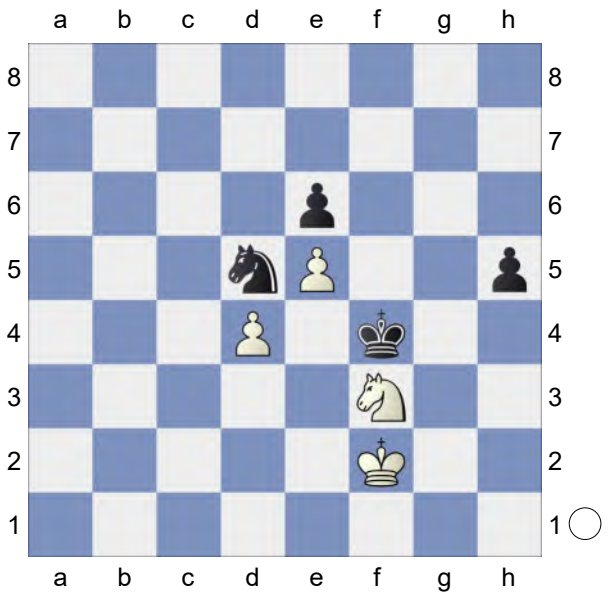
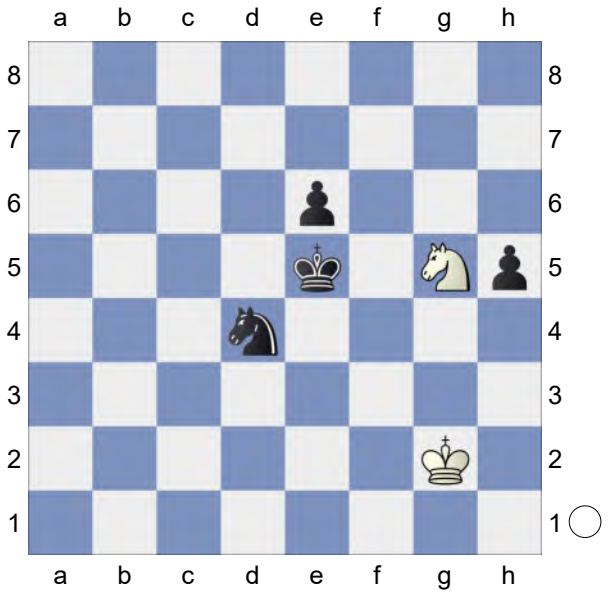
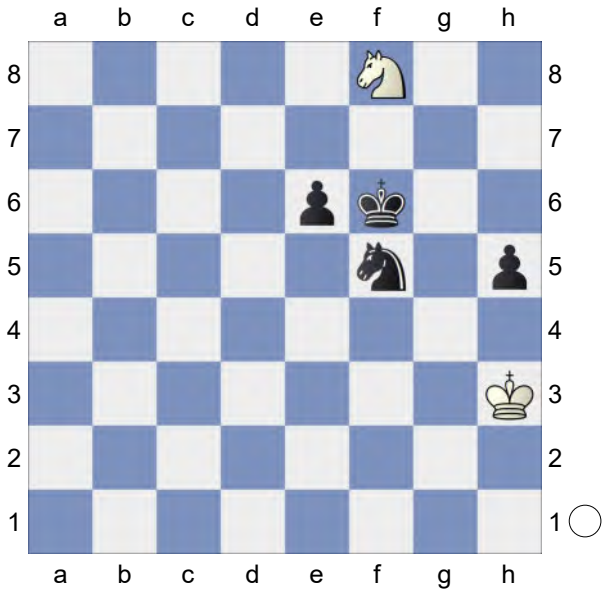


76.Nh4 -0.83/26
[76.Ne1= -0.01/26]
76...Ke4 -0.01/29
[76...Ne7∓ -0.83/26]
77.Nf3 -1.50/28
[77.Ng6= -0.01/29 remains equal.]
77...Nf4∓ 78.Kg3? -4.95/31
[78.Nd2+ -1.91/28 Kxd4 79.Kf3]
78...Ne2+-+ 79.Kg2 Nxd4 80.Ng5+ Kxe5



81.Kh3 -10.02/32
[⌓81.Kg3 -4.07/33 Nf5+ 82.Kg2]
81...Kf4 82.Nh7 Nf5 83.Nf6 Kg5

-4.13/36
[⌓83...h4 -10.22/34 White must now prevent ...e5. 84.Kg2 Ne7]
84.Nd7 -7.41/34
[⌓84.Ne4+ -4.13/36 Kf4 85.Nf6]
84...Kg6 85.Nf8+ -6.95/38
[⌓85.Nc5 -4.48/35 Kf6 86.Kg2]
85...Kf6



86.Nd7+ Kg5 87.Ne5 Kf4 88.Nd7 e5 89.Nf6 Kg5? -3.94/31
[89...Kf3 -12.25/28 (-> …e4) 90.Nh7 e4 91.Ng5+ Kf4 92.Ne6+ Ke3]
90.Ne4+ Kf4? -0.01/27
[90...Kh6-+ -3.57/32 aiming for ...Kh7. 91.Kg2 Kg6]

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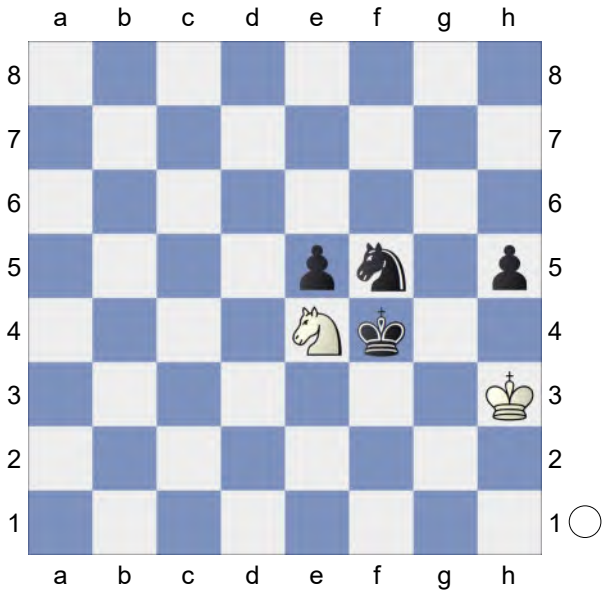
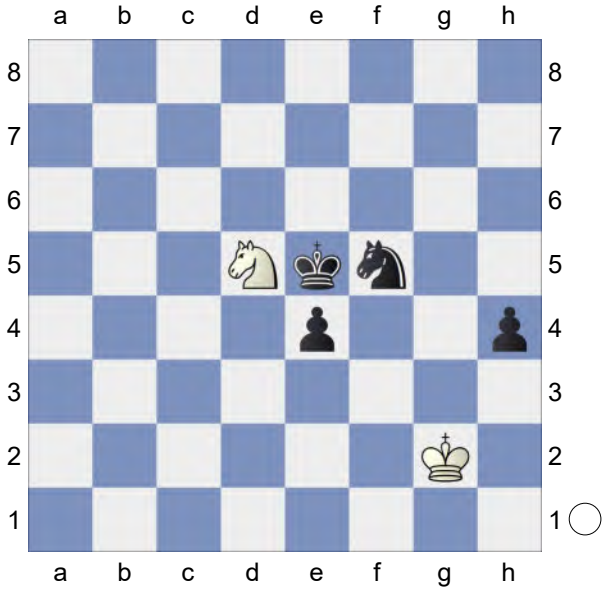


91.Nf6!= h4 92.Kg2 Ne3+? -0.01/27
[92...Ne7-+ -13.99/28 93.Kh3 Ng6]
93.Kh3 Nf5 94.Kg2! Black converts the advantage convincingly. **94...e4 95.Nd5+ Ke5**



96.Nb4 Kd4 97.Nc6+ Kc3 98.Ne5 Kd2 99.Nc4+ Kd3 100.Ne5+ Ke2

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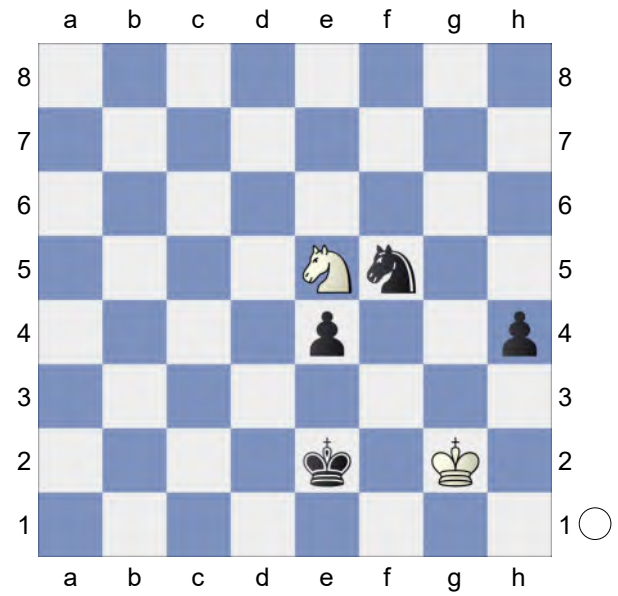
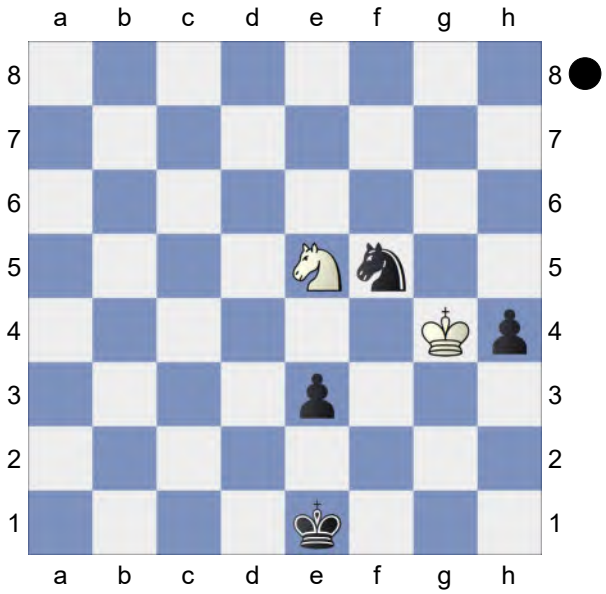
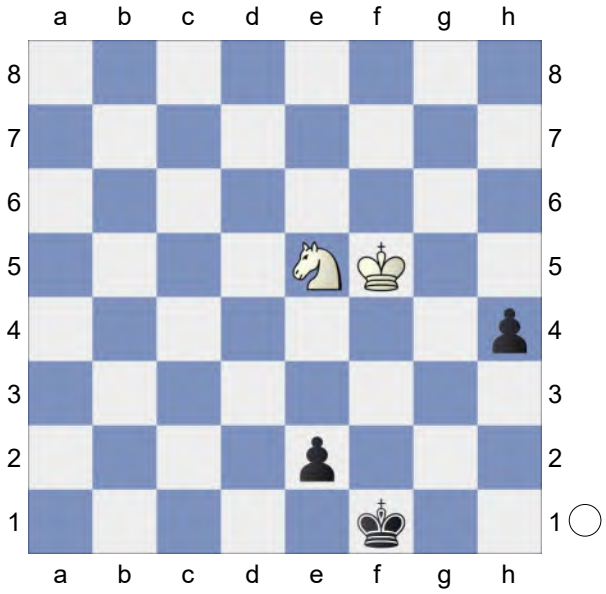


101.Ng6 Kd2 -17.27/25
[⏀101...Kd1 -#21/24 102.Nf4 e3 103.Nd3 e2 104.Kf3 Kd2 *(104...e1R 105.Nf2+ Kd2 106.Kg4 Ke3 107.Nh3 Rh1 108.Ng5 Rg1+ 109.Kh5 Rg3 110.Nh3 Rxh3 111.Kg5 Ke4 112.Kg6 Rg3+ 113.Kf6 h3 114.Ke6 Rg7 115.Kf6 h2 116.Ke6 h1Q 117.Kf6 Qh6#)* 105.Ke4 Ng3+ *(105...e1R+ 106.Nxe1 Kxe1 107.Kxf5 h3 108.Kf6 h2 109.Ke6 h1Q 110.Kd6 Kd2 111.Kd7 Qd5+ 112.Ke7 Qc6 113.Kf8 Qd7 114.Kg8 Ke3 115.Kh8 Kf4 116.Kg8 Kg5 117.Kf8 Kh6 118.Kg8 Qg7#)* 106.Kd4 e1Q *(106...e1R? 107.Nf2-+; 106...h3 107.Ne5 e1Q 108.Nf3+ Ke2 109.Nxe1 Kxe1 110.Ke5 h2 111.Ke6 h1Q 112.Kd6 Qh6+ 113.Ke5 Qc6 114.Kf4 Qe4+ 115.Kg5 Qf5+ 116.Kh4 Qf4+ 117.Kh3 Kf2 118.Kh2 Qh6#)* 107.Nxe1 Kxe1 108.Kd5 h3 109.Kc4 h2 110.Kd5 h1Q+ *(110...h1R? 111.Ke5-+)* 111.Kd6 Qb7 112.Kc5 Ne4+ 113.Kd4 Kf2 114.Kc4 Kf3 115.Kd4 Qc6 116.Ke5 Qd6+ 117.Kf5 Qf6#]

102.Ne5-+ Ke1 103.Kh3 e3 104.Kg4

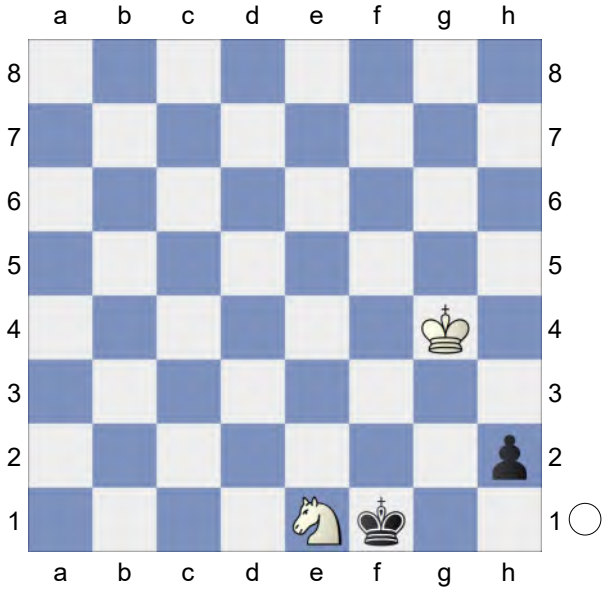


Kf1! 105.Kxf5 e2



106.Nf3 h3
[Worse is 106...e1B 107.Kg4=]
[106...e1N 107.Nxh4 Ng2 108.Nxg2=]
[106...e1Q 107.Nxe1 Kxe1 *(107...h3 108.Nf3=)* 108.Kg4=]
[106...e1R 107.Nxe1 *(107.Nxh4 Re8=)* 107...Kf2 *(107...Kxe1 108.Kg4=; 107...h3 108.Nf3=)* 108.Kg4=]
107.Kg4 e1Q Overworked Piece,

Promotion
[Stronger than 107...e1B 108.Kxh3 Kf2 109.Nxe1=]
108.Nxe1 h2
[Inferior is 108...Kxe1 109.Kxh3=]



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■ **Rudzinska,Michalina** **2226**
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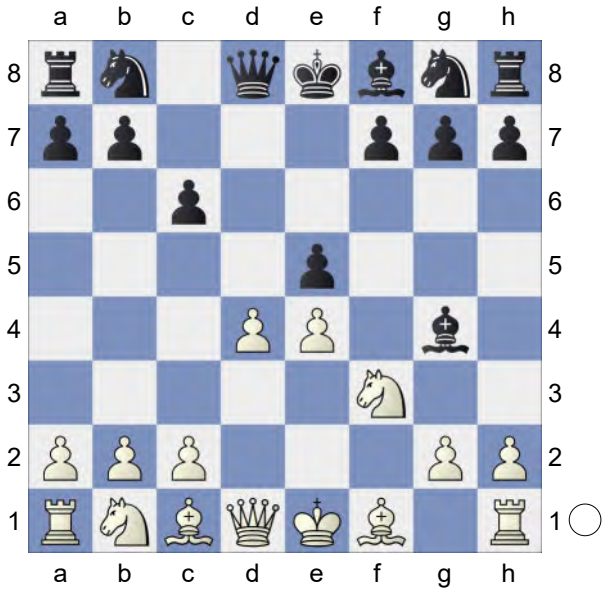
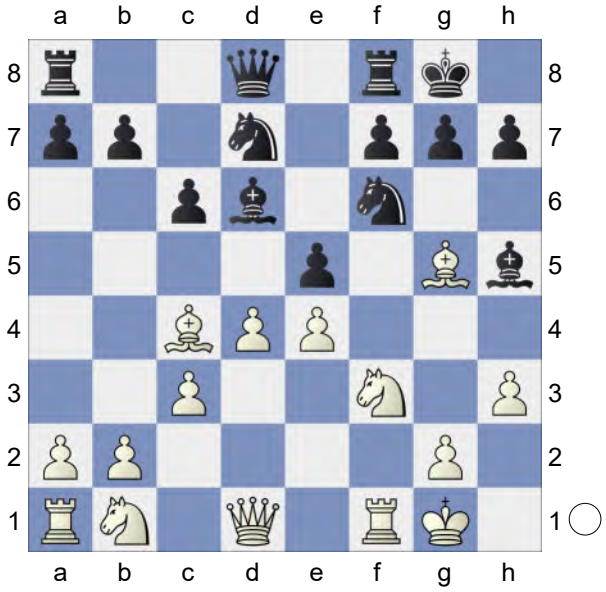
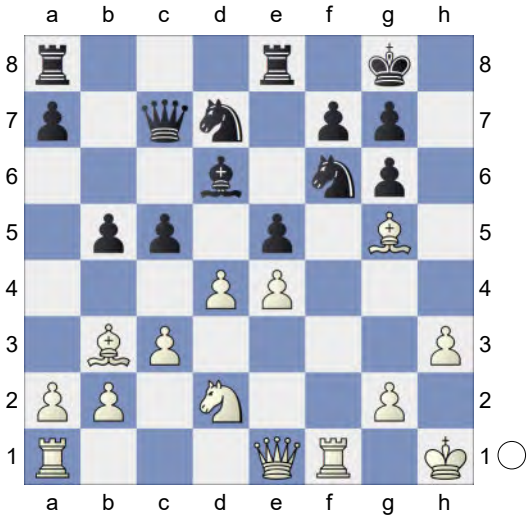
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 Hoping for Bxf7+! 7.c3 injects fresh life into this line. 7.c3 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante.
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nxe5=]
7...Ngf6 8.c3 Bd6 9.h3N The position is equal.
[9.Bg5 h6 *(9...Qb6 10.Nbd2 h6* Caro Kann-Fantasy Variation F3 1 e4 ... ChessPub Guide 2024*)* 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Qe7 12.Nbd2 0-0-0 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qe1 Rhe8 15.b4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Bg6 *(16...Bxg3 17.Qxg3 Bg6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Ba6#* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6. Bc4: 6...Nd7 #14*)* 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxf5 Ne5 20.Bb3 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6. Bc4: 6...Nd7 #15]
[9.Qb3 0-0 10.Qxb7 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Nxe4 Caro Kann-Fantasy Variation F3 1 e4 ... ChessPub Guide 2020]
9...Bh5 10.Bg5 0-0

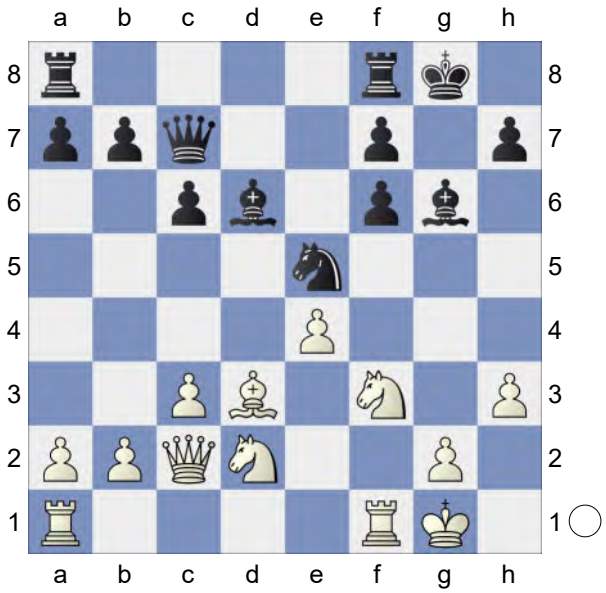


11.Nbd2 **Qb6N**
[11...Qc7 12.Qe1 Bg6 13.Nh4 Rfe8 0.41/17 *(13...b5=* 0.01/17 *14.Bb3 c5)* 14.Nxg6± hxg6 15.Kh1 -0.06/16 *(15.a4±* 0.34/17 *)* 15...b5 16.Bb3 c5 0.74/21 *(16...a5=* -0.03/15 *)*



17.dxc5!± Bxc5 1.29/21 1-0 (28) Beerdsen,T (2413)-Roberson,P (2401) PRO League Stage rapid 2017

(7) *(⩲17...Be7 0.75/21)*]
12.Qc2 -0.09/20
[12.Bd3!± 0.34/19 feels stronger.]
12...Bg6 0.39/20
[12...exd4= -0.09/20 is superior.
13.cxd4 Bxf3 14.Nxf3 Rae8]
13.Bd3± Qc7 14.dxe5 -0.25/20
[14.Nc4± 0.49/16]
14...Nxe5 15.Bxf6 gxf6



16.Nd4 -0.69/19
[⩲16.Nxe5 -0.31/20 Bxe5 17.Nc4]
16...Rad8∓ White must now prevent ... Nxd3. **17.Be2 Bc5 18.N2b3 Bb6 19.Kh1 Rd6** -0.01/20
[19...Nd7∓ -0.62/19]
20.a4= a6

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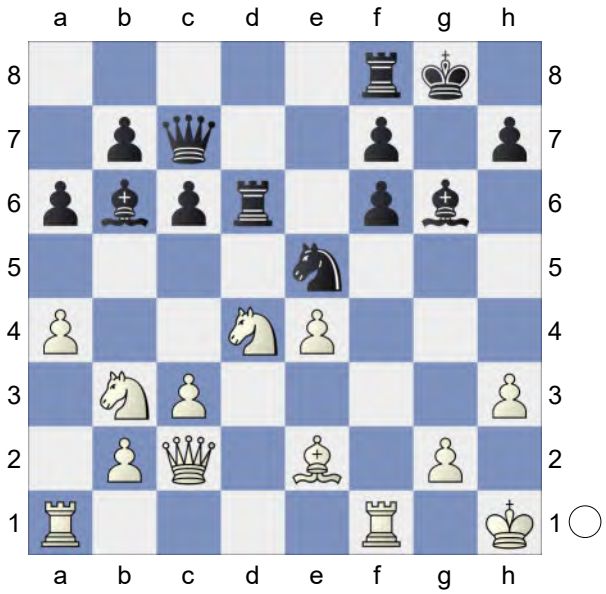
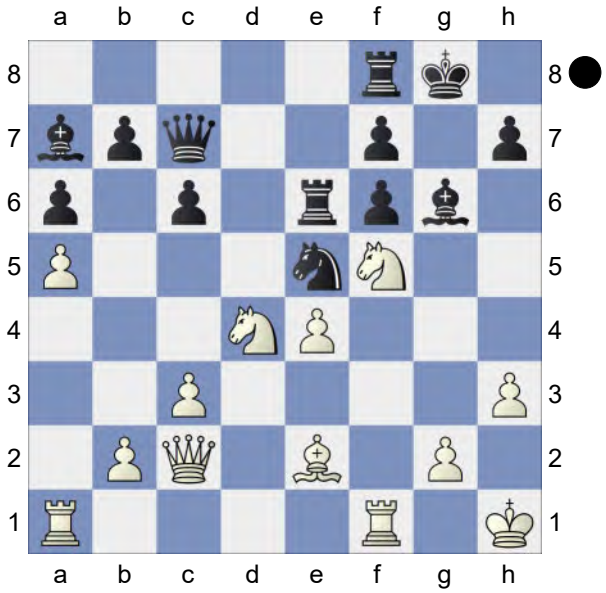


21.a5 Ba7 22.Nf5 Re6 23.Nbd4K



White puts up resistance **23...Bb8!**
24.g3
[24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Nh4 Nd3]

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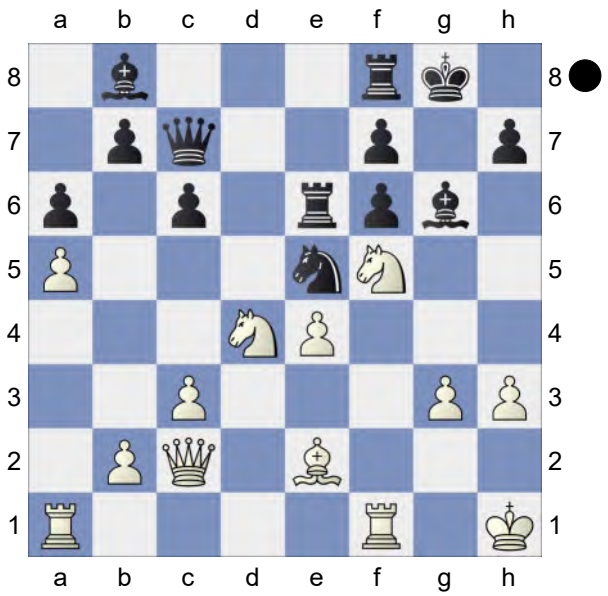
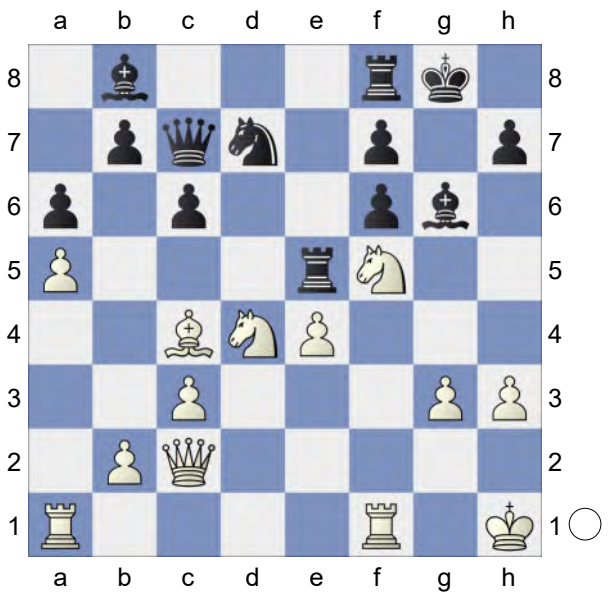
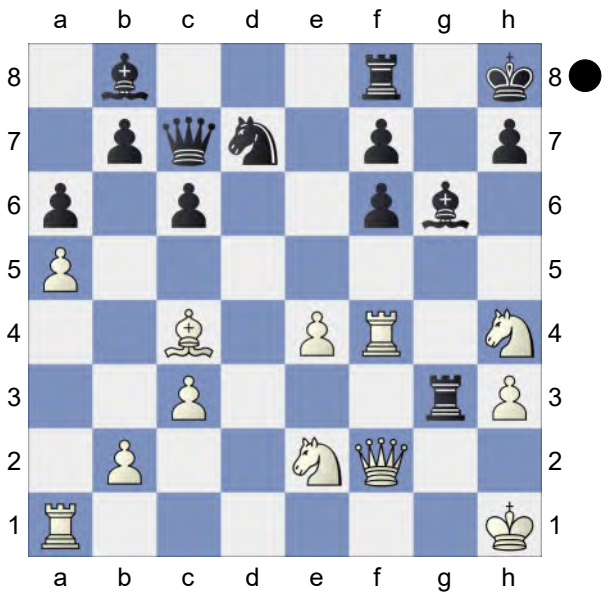


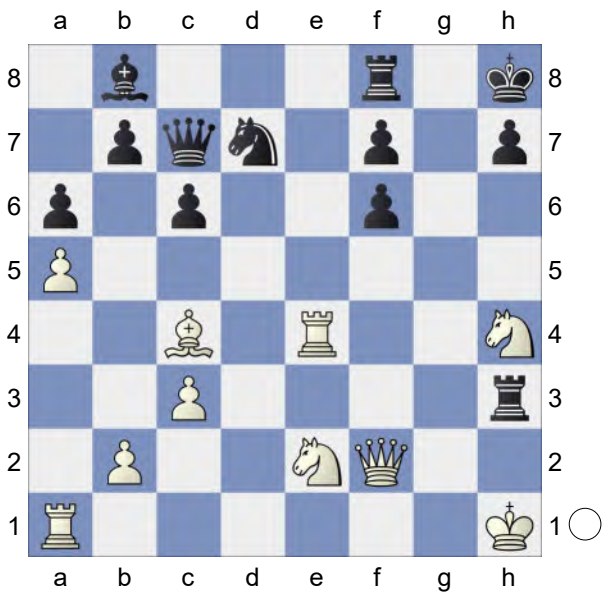
24...Nd7 0.65/19 **25.Bc4** -0.59/21
[25.Nxe6± 0.65/19 fxe6 26.Bc4 *(26.Ne7+ Kf7=)*]
25...Re5!∓



26.Rf4 Kh8 27.Nh4 -1.43/20
[White should play 27.b4∓ -0.56/19]
27...Rg5 28.Qf2 Rxg3
[Don't do 28...Rxa5 29.Rd1∓]
29.Ne2? -5.62/19
[29.Nxg6+∓ -1.53/21 nothing else works. hxg6 *(29...fxg6 30.Ne6±)* 30.Qxg3 Qxf4 31.Qxf4 Bxf4 32.Kg2]



Now White is beyond hope.
29...Bxe4+!-+ 30.Rxe4
[30.Kh2 Rg5]
30...Rxh3+



31.Kg1 Rg8+ 32.Ng2

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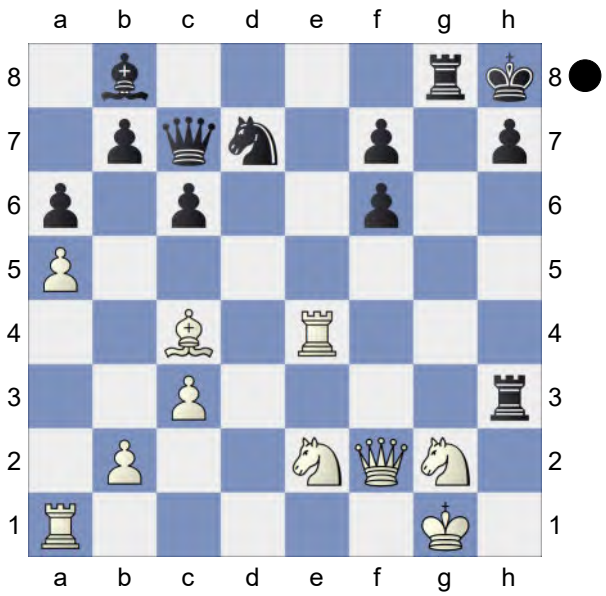

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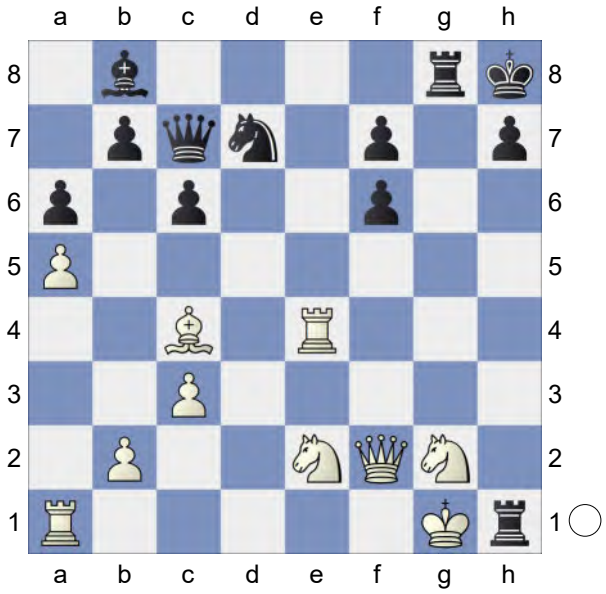

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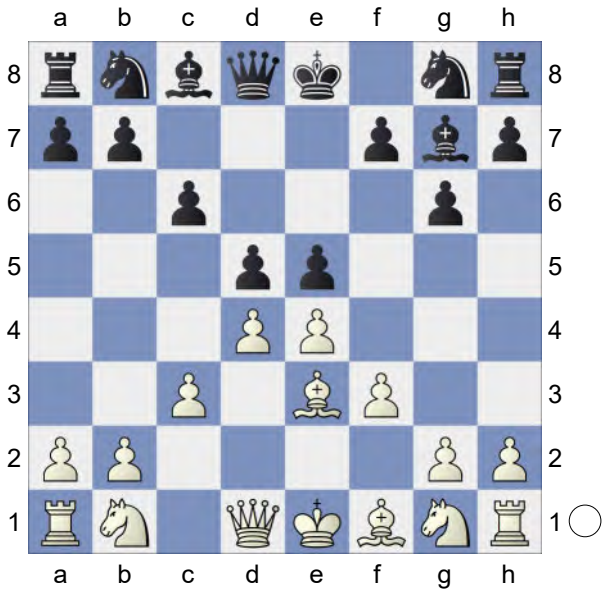
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

127 **B12**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2715**
■ **Mas,Hafizulhelmi** **2416**
Metropolitan International (2) 18.08.11
[Richard Palliser]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.c3
[4.Nc3]
4...Bg7 5.Be3
[5.e5 h5 6.Bg5 *(6.f4! Nh6)* 6...Qb6 7.Qb3 Bh6 8.h4 f6 9.Bxh6 Nxh6 10.exf6 exf6 11.Na3 chances were about equal and the struggle rather different to the sort of positions White's 6th usually leads to, Timofeev-Grischuk, Russian Championship, Moscow 2011. Kf7 12.Kf2 Nd7 13.Nc2 Nf8]
[5.Bd3 might give White a little something with his bishops Nh6!? 6.Be3 dxe4 looks quite strong until you spot 7.Bxe4 *(7.fxe4 Ng4!)* 7...Nf5 8.Bxf5! , although matters are hardly clear after Bxf5 9.Ne2 Nd7 and I could easily imagine a Sveshnikov player being happy enough with 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ng3 Be6 or 12.Re1 h6 13.Nd2 Nb6]
[5.Bf4 Nd7 *(5...Qb6 6.Qb3 Be6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Nd2 Nd7 9.Bd3 0-0-0 10.Ne2 dxe4 11.fxe4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Bxe2 e5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Nc4 Kc7 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.0-0 f6 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Rxf6 Rd8 21.Kf2 Rd2 22.Re6 Nd3+ 23.Ke3 Rxe2+ 24.Kxd3 Rxg2 25.Rf1 Rd8+ 26.Ke3 Rg3+ 27.Rf3 Rxf3+ 28.Kxf3 Rf8+ 29.Ke3 Kd7 30.Re5 h6 31.b4 Kd6 32.Kd4 Rc8* 0-1 Dutch Defense: Leningrad Vari,7 (2495)-1.e4 d5 2.d4 Blackmar-Diemer (2625) 33/188 Hastings 1981 (2.1)*)* 6.e5 *(6.Bd3 Ngf6)* 6...f6 with a comfortable-enough set-up for Black - see Nepomniachtchi-Grischuk, Russian Team Championship 2010, in the Archive Grischuk's idea. Adams was later to face 7.exf6 Ngxf6 8.Bd3!? in the same event, as we'll see in Adams-Van Wely. Meanwhile the main line remains 8...0-0 - see Shirov-Vachier Lagrave. 9.Ne2 e5 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Qb3 Nh5 12.Na3 exd4 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.cxd4 Nc5 15.Bc2 *(15.dxc5 Bxb2)* 15...Re8 16.Kf2 Rxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Bxd4]
5...e5
[5...Nf6 0.42/20 5...dxe4 -0.05 6.e5 Nfd7 . Getting on with it. Grischuk's opponents have preferred 7.f4 and after e6 8.Nf3 b6 9.b3 Ba6 10.c4]



6.dxe5 Bxe5!? 7.Nd2 Ne7N
[7...Nf6 8.Qc2 . 0-0 would transpose into the notes to Black's 10th, below *(8...Be6 9.Ne2 dxe4 10.Nd4 Qe7* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO B4 2002*)* Going in for

a line of the Keres (5... e6 6 g4 Nc6 7 h3 a6), but as I've remarked before, 9.0-0-0!? also looks quite sensible here. See the Archive for some coverage of Qc7]

8.Qc2 The position is equal. **8...0-0**

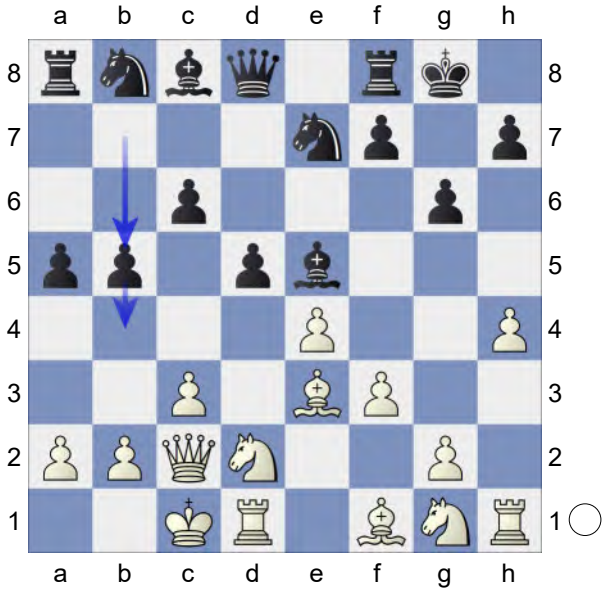
9.0-0-0!? Not the most-common move here, but Adams wastes no time expanding on the kingside, partly in a bid to dissuade any ideas with an early ...e5. Now if Black plays too slowly White will simply have an improved version of a g3 variation, or Classical Scheveningen (Be2) if you prefer, having saved a tempo on the kingside. **9...a5**

[9...f5 0.70/17 9...Nd7 0.04 10.f4! Bg7 11.e5 White is better because he can still go long,]

[but as well as the natural text, 9...Qc7 was possible, intending something like 10.h4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nf5!?]

10.h4 b5?!

[After 10...h5 0.70/17 10...Nd7 0.24 11.g4!]



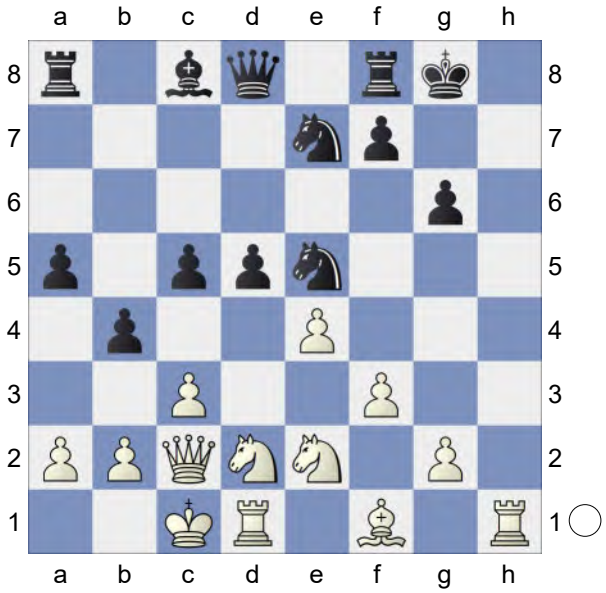
11.h5 Nd7 12.hxg6 A useful move, ensuring that there won't be any problems down the g1-a7 diagonal with ...e5 and ...Qb6 ⊕ ideas. **12...hxg6**

13.Ne2 b4 14.Bd4! Adams might have a reputation as the ultimate professional player and one who rarely takes unfounded risks, but that doesn't mean that he can't attack when the time is ripe! Here Black's counterplay is yet to fully materialise and so White can and should get on with it on the kingside.

14...c5

[14...Ba6?! 15.c4 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 c5 17.Ne2 -0.02/15 is a fairly promising exchange sacrifice *(17.Nb5± 0.37/18* might be stronger. *)*]

15.Bxe5 Nxe5



16.Nf4 Not giving Black any chance to keep lines closed with ...g6. With the idea Nc4! **16...a4** 0.68/20

[16...d4 1.59/22 16...a4 0.10 17.cxd4 seems OK for Black, as cxd4 18.Nb3!]

[16...Bd7= 0.26/17]

17.Kb1! 0.31/21 A knight will work wonders on h5 and Adams wastes no time improving the least-active of his two knights. My engines seem to feel that Black is still OK around here, but while it seems that Black can defend,

White must be for choice thanks to his control and kingside prospects.

[17.exd5 -0.24/18 17.g4 0.24 Bf5 0.43/21 *(17...Nf5= -0.24/18 18.Qe4 Re8)*]

[17.g4 0.68/20 feels stronger.]

17...Qa5±

[17...b3 0.76/22 17...Qa5 0.26 leaves him facing something of a 'knightmare'.

A) 18.axb3 0.01/20 18.Qc1 0.81 axb3? 1.80/21 *(18...Qa5= 0.01/20)*

A1) 19.Qxb3? -0.81/23 19.Nxb3 1.79 c4 0.17/22 should have been preferred *(19...Bd7∓ -0.81/23 20.Be2 Ba4 Deflection)* 20.Qc2 -1.11/22 *(20.Qb4!= 0.17/22* keeps the balance. *dxe4 21.Bxc4 exf3 22.Ne4 fxg2 23.Nxg2)* 20...Qa5;

A2) 19.Nxb3+- Strongly threatening Qf2. 19...c4? 2.64/23 and now the thematic counterstrike *(19...Qb6!= 0.01/20* and Black has nothing to worry. *)*

A2a) 20.Nd2? -1.25/21 20.Qf2 2.10 would have left Black with the initiative ... Be6 and ...Ra8 is one idea, ...Ba6-c4 another, and don't forget who has the safer king.not 20...Qa5? 21.Kc1 the reserved 21...Bd7 0.18/18 *(21...Qc5∓ -0.94/19 22.Nb1 dxe4 23.fxe4 Nf5)*;

A2b) 20.Qf2+- 2.64/23 N7c6 21.Nc5;

A2c) 20.Nd4! 0.71/19 20...Qa5± 21.Kc1? -0.73/21 *(21.Qf2± 1.03/19* Qh4 is the strong threat. *f6 22.Qh4)* 21...Bd7∓ 22.exd5 -1.90/20 *(22.Nxd5∓ -0.92/19 Nxd5 23.exd5)* 22...Rfb8 -0.89/19 *(22...Bf5-+ -1.90/20* has better winning chances. *23.Qe2 Qa1+* Deflection *24.Kd2 Qxb2+ 25.Ke3 Qxc3+ 26.Kf2 Nd3+ 27.Rxd3 cxd3)*;

B) 18.Qc1! is a better try, although White has a few promising ideas here, including 18...bxa2+ 0.91/22 , switching his bishop to the key diagonal *(18...d4 1.67/19* 18...Bd7 0.19 *19.Nc4!; 18...Bd7=* 0.01/18 *)* Sometimes in the Scheveningen Black's king hides behind an opposition pawn, but only when his own counterplay is much, much more advanced than here where 19.Ka1? 0.46/17 *(19.Kxa2 Qb6!; 19.Kxa2±* 0.91/22 *Ba6 20.Bxa6 Rxa6 21.Nb1)* 19...c4? 4.19/21 would just have helped the first player. *(19...a3!±* 0.46/17 *)* After 20.Nxd5 2.16/18 *(⌓20.Nxc4* 4.19/21 *dxc4 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Nd5 Rxd5 23.exd5)* 20...Nxd5+- 21.exd5 White might push the f-pawn and get on with it, but I suspect Adams was intending to calmly regroup and improve his forces with a3 22.Ne4 -0.01/22 *(22.bxa3±* 1.16/20 *Rb8 23.Kxa2)* 22...axb2+ 0.45/21 . *(22...f5=* -0.01/22 *23.Qh6 axb2+ 24.Kxb2 a1Q+ 25.Rxa1 Qb6+ 26.Kc2 Qb3+ 27.Kd2 Qb2+ 28.Ke3 Ng4+ 29.fxg4 Qb6+ 30.Kd2 Qb2+ 31.Ke3 Qb6+ 32.Kf4 fxe4+ 33.Qxf8+ Kxf8 34.Rxa8 Qc7+ 35.Kxe4 Kg7)* As dropping the bishop back to c1 won't especially inconvenience White this cannot

be correct. Black had previously preferred 23.Qxb2± Threatens to win with Qd2.

B1) 23...Bf5 , which I think is what I'd try. Balogh-Magalashvili, Baku 2007, continued 24.Qd2! Bxe4? #3/8 *(24...g5± 1.29/19)* 25.Qh6!;

B2) 23...f5]

18.exd5 Black must now prevent Ne4.

18...Bf5 0.79/19

[18...b3!

A) 19.axb3! -4.67/27 19.Qc1 0.01 would have retained control with quite a pleasant edge for White. Not only is ...Nh4 ruled out, but h3-h4-h5 may follow, as well as just Bb2 or c3, Be3 and Ng3. Good defence, preventing the knight from coming via f4. After 19...axb3

A1) 20.Qxb3 -8.63/22 20.Nxb3 -4.14 Bd7? -2.55/19 *(20...Bf5+ -8.63/22 21.Ne4 Rfb8 22.Qxb8+ Rxb8)*;

A2) 20.Nxb3 Qa2+ 21.Kc1 Black's only real bid for activity is. Hoping for g4! Bf5 , but 22.Bd3 c4;

B) 19.Qc1! aiming for Ne4. 19...Bf5+ with good counterplay 20.Ne4?! a3? 13.03/23 *(20...Bxe4+= -0.01/20 21.fxe4 a3 22.axb3 axb2 23.Qxb2 Rfb8)* 21.axb3? -0.20/23 *(* A rather atypical move from Adams, but this was the second game of the day and he may just have felt that the move was rather dangerous. Instead *21.bxa3??* -4.34/24 21.Nd3 9.16 *b2; 21.Nd3!+-* 13.03/23 *Ng4 22.fxg4 bxa2+ 23.Ka1 axb2+ 24.Nxb2 Qb6 25.Qh6 Qxb2+ 26.Kxb2)* 21...axb2= 22.Qxb2 Rfb8 only sees the exchanges helping Black develop and take over the initiative]

[18...b3!= -0.01/21 19.Qc1 *(19.axb3?* perishes. *Bf5-+* Pin *)* 19...Bf5+ 20.Ne4 Bxe4+ 21.fxe4 a3 22.axb3 axb2 23.Qxb2 Rfb8]

19.Ne4?!± And now g4 would win.

19...Rfb8? 1.66/21

[19...b3 1.69/19 19...bxc3 0.49 20.Qf2!

A) 20...bxa2+? 5.15/20 20...Bxe4+ 1.25 21.Kxa2? 1.85/19 *(21.Ka1* 5.15/20 White wants to mate with Qh4. *g5 22.Nf6+ Kg7 23.Qg3 Kxf6 24.Nh5+* Deflection *Kg6 25.Qxe5)*;

B) 20...Bxe4+± 1.46/21 21.fxe4 bxa2+ 22.Kxa2 Qb6;

C) 20...a3? 23.29/20 his position would have begun to creak, such as after 21.Qh4!+-

C1) 21...bxa2+ 22.Kc2 Qa4+ 23.b3 while White undoubtedly has decent play for his pawn I'm far from certain that he has more than enough, especially after the critical *(23.Kd2* 10.11/19 23.b3 28.27 *Qxd1+)* 23...Bxe4+ . or 24.Kd2 15.18/19 *(⌓24.fxe4* #18/22 *a1N+ 25.Rxa1 Qxb3+* Decoy *26.Kxb3 Rfb8+ 27.Kc2 Kf8 28.Ne6+ Ke8 29.Qf6)*;

C2) 21...Bxe4+ . or just a calmer build-up with 22.fxe4 bxa2+ 23.Kc2! I'm not sure what Mickey was intending after the classical counterstrike 23...Qa4+! . White has a number of ideas, but after 24.b3 Qxe4+ 25.Bd3]

[19...bxc3± 0.74/21 20.Qxc3 Qxc3

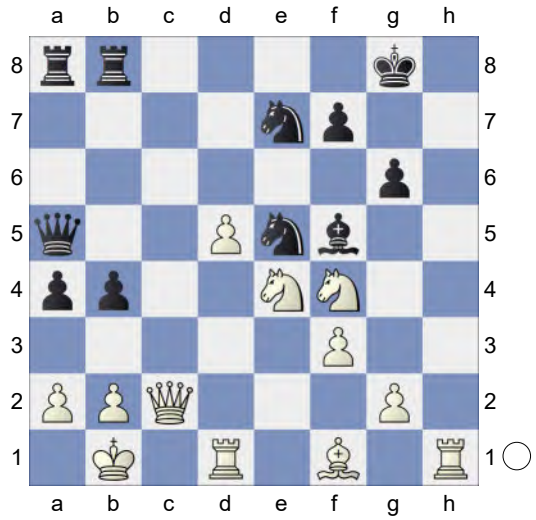
21.bxc3 Kg7]

20.cxb4!+- Now White is back on track, being set to invade on h5 and with Black back to being quite low on counterplay. Placing his queen on c5 really hasn't helped Mas at all.

[20.c4? -0.41/20 20.cxb4 1.71 b3 21.Qd2 . In short White has an overwhelming force on the kingside and it's no real surprise to see Black suffering so, especially with his queenside still not fully developed. Black didn't have to go back, but after 21...Qxd2 22.Rxd2 a3]

20...Qxb4 4.83/21

[20...cxb4 2.51/19 20...Rxb4 1.50



21.Qf2!]

[20...Rxb4 the attack also looks rather scary. I'm not sure what Black could have done, though. The text loses and so does 21.d6]

[20...Rxb4 1.83/21 was called for. 21.a3 Rb3]

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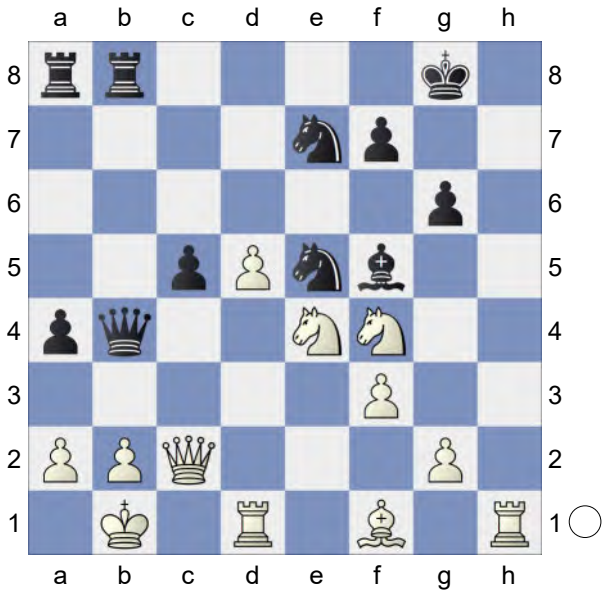

21.d6! Forcing the knight back. White first wants to improve his queen for free before leaping forward with the g3-knight. **21...Bxe4 22.fxe4 N7c6** 6.55/19

[⌓22...g5 4.22/21 23.Rh5 gxf4]

23.Nd5 Suddenly the knight is loose on h4 and was Mas' best defence really to exchange off one of his main defenders for the inactive bishop on g2? **23...Qb7 24.Qf2**

[24.Qd2 White threatens Rh8+! and mate. Nd7 *(24...a3 After 25.Rh8+)* 25.g4]

[24.Qxc5? Qxb2#]

24...c4 Preserving the exchange and defending for the time being, but now a typical Adams creeping manoeuvre quickly increases the pressure.

[24...a3! would have left Black a goner too. or 25.b3 Threatening mate with Qf6! c4

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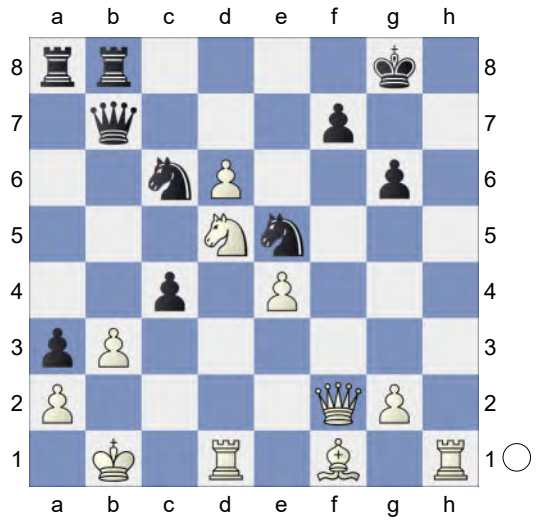
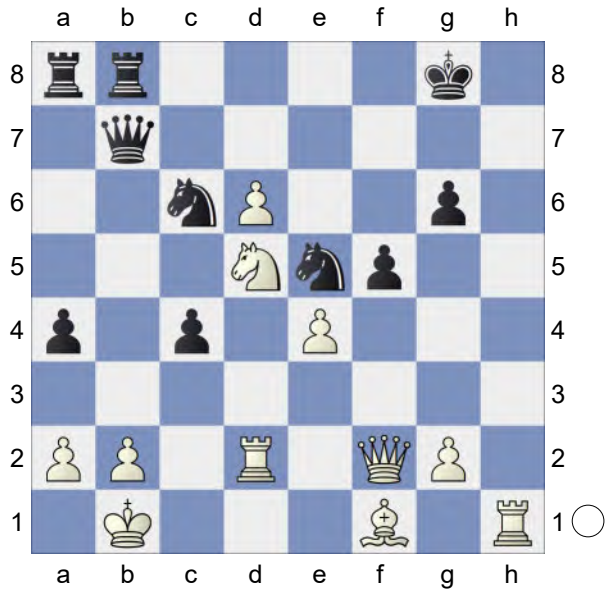


26.Bxc4 15.40/18 *(⌓26.Qf6! #5/12 Qxb3+ 27.axb3 Rxb3+ 28.Ka1 Rh3 29.Rxh3 Ng4 30.Qh8#)* 26...Nxc4 27.Qf6]

25.Rd2!

[It's definitely all over after this, but 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Rh7+ Kf8 27.Qd2]

25...f5



26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Rh7+ Skewer **27...Kxf6 28.Qh4+!**

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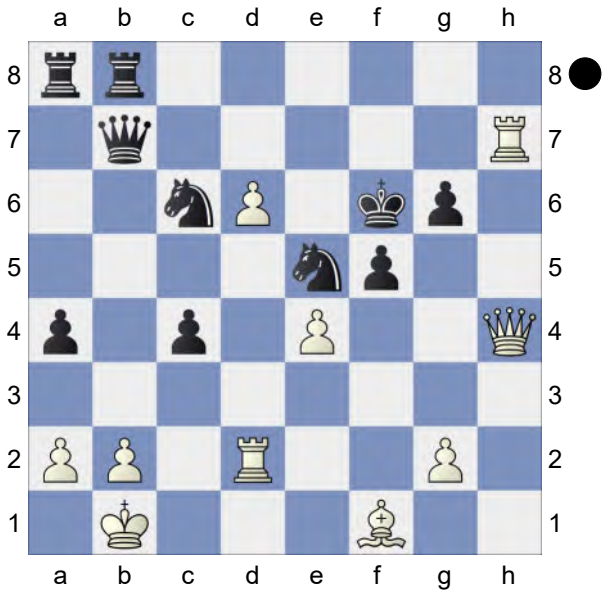

Concluding with a neat line-opening blow, preparing for White's dark-squared bishop to finally join the attack with decisive effect.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.80

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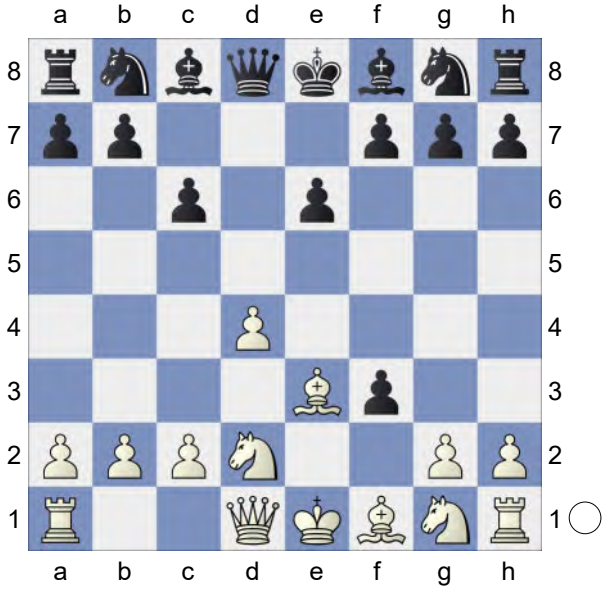
128 **B12**
□ **Turov,Maxim** **2543**
■ **Galkin,Alexander** **2593**
RusFed Internet Blitz Cup (1) 25.11.2004
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Be3 dxe4 5.Nd2 exf3



6.Ngxf3 Nf6 7.Nc4 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Be7 9.Qd2N

[9.0-0 Nd5 *(9...0-0 10.c3 b6 11.Nce5 Bb7* Caro Kann Advance-3... Bf5 4.Nc3 1 e4 ... ChessPub Guide 2010 *)* 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Qe1 Bf6 12.Nce5 B 12/08 2001]

9...Nd5 Black is slightly better. **10.Bg5 0-0**

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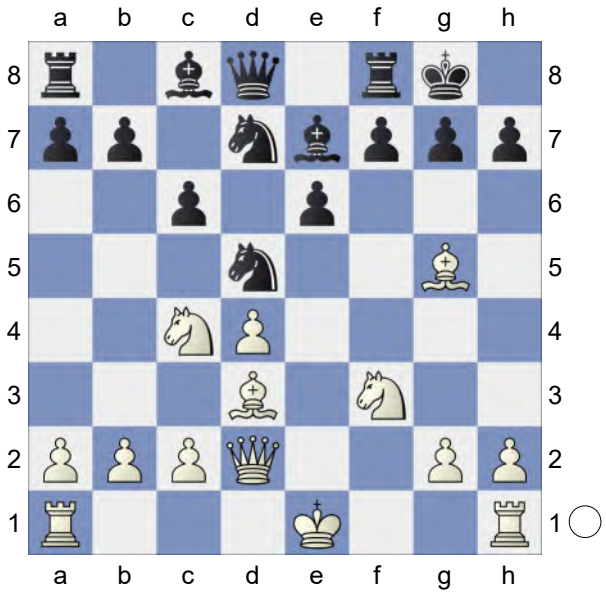
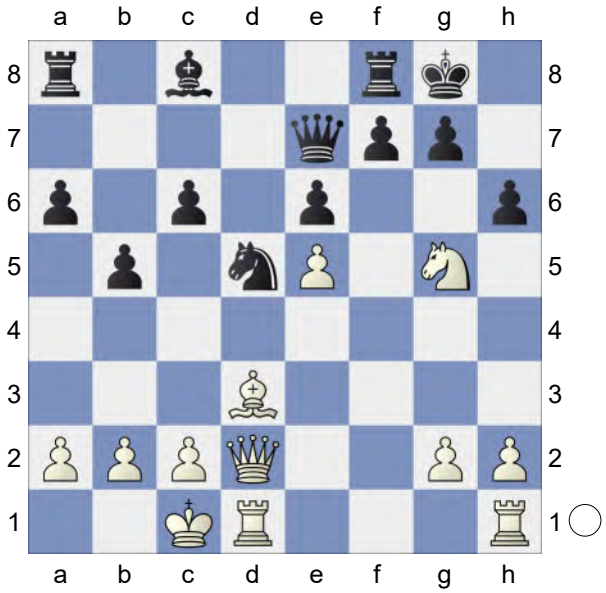


11.0-0-0 b5 12.Nce5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 a6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ng5 h6



16.Ne4 c5 17.Nd6 Bb7 18.Be4 Bc6 19.g4 -1.59/18

[White should play 19.Rhe1∓ -0.70/17]

19...Qg5? 0.01/19

[Better is 19...Rad8∓ -1.59/18 White must now prevent ...f6. 20.h4 Nb4 21.Bxc6 Nxc6]

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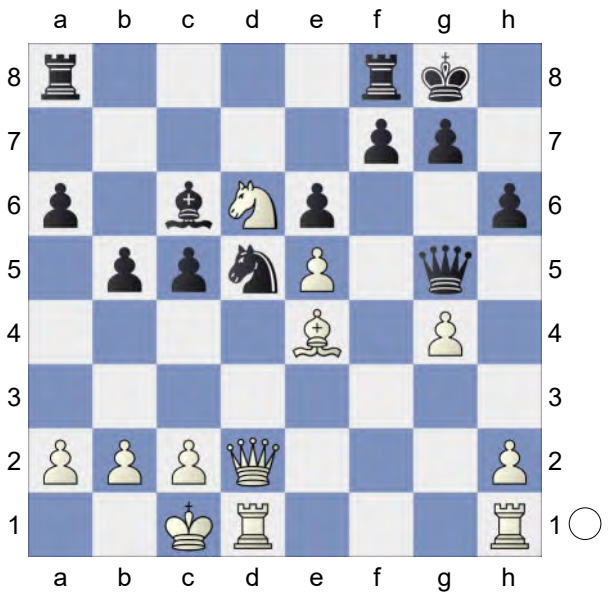
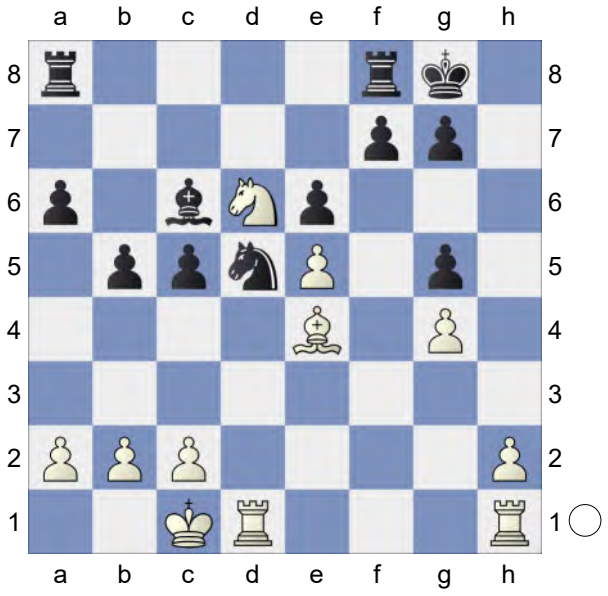


20.Qxg5= hxg5



21.h4 Nb4 -0.01/22
[21...Ne7!∓ -0.40/22 feels stronger.]
22.hxg5 Bxe4 23.Nxe4 Nc6 24.Nxc5 Nxe5 25.Nd7 Nxd7

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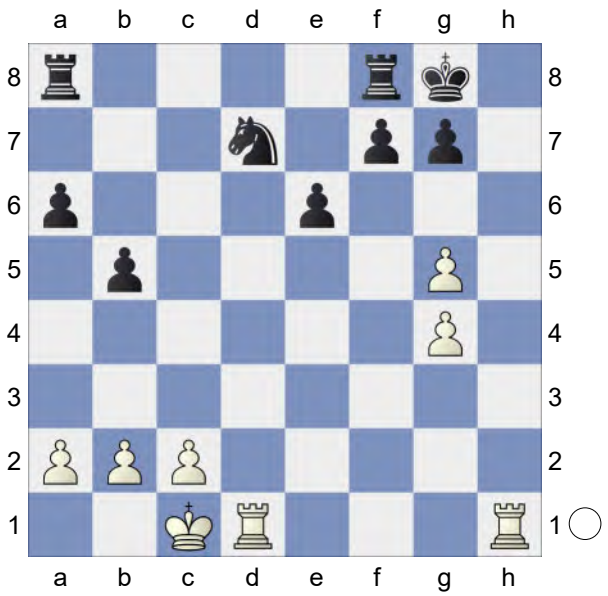
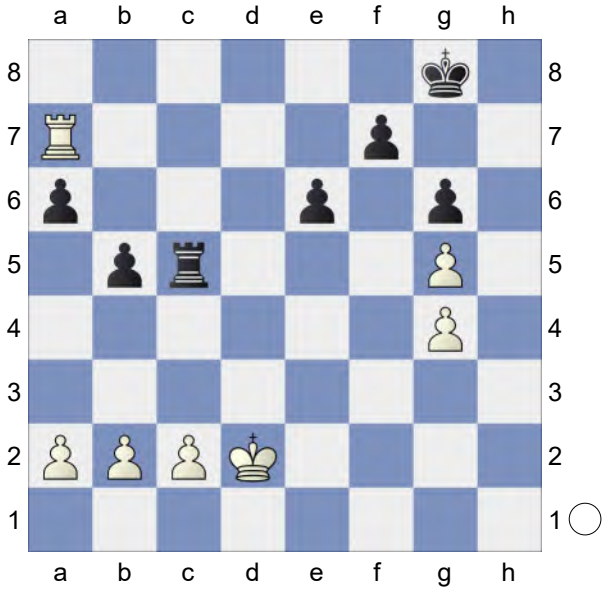


26.Rxd7 Endgame. KRR-KRR **26...Rfd8 27.Rhd1 Rxd7 28.Rxd7** KR-KR **28...g6** 0.23/21
[⌓28...Rf8 -0.17/21]
29.Kd2 Rc8 30.Ra7 Rc5



31.Rxa6 With the idea Ra5. **31...Rxg5 32.a4 b4** 0.51/21
[32...bxa4= 0.10/20 was preferrable. 33.Rxa4 Kg7]
33.a5 Threatens to win with c4.
33...Rxg4 34.Ra8+ Kg7 35.a6 White has compensation. **35...Rd4+**
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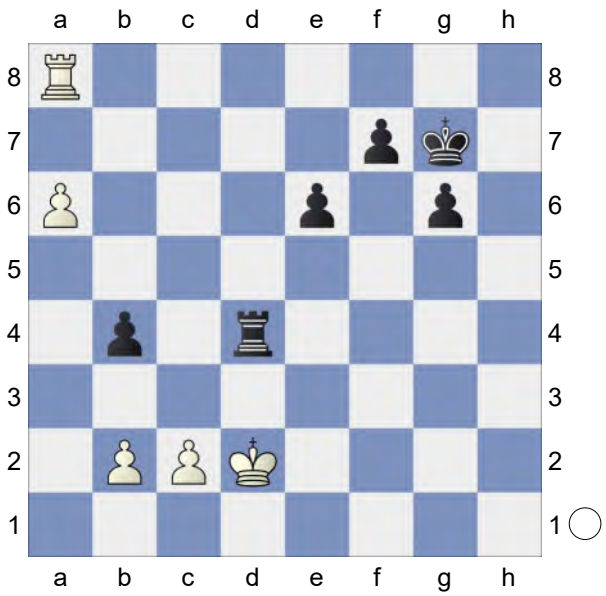
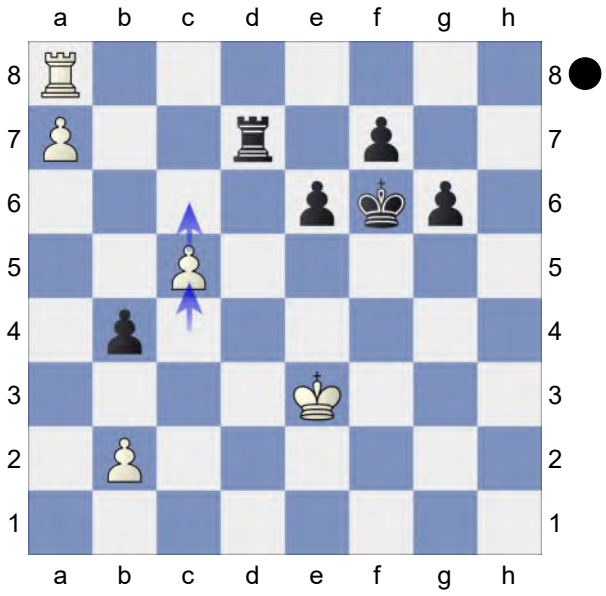
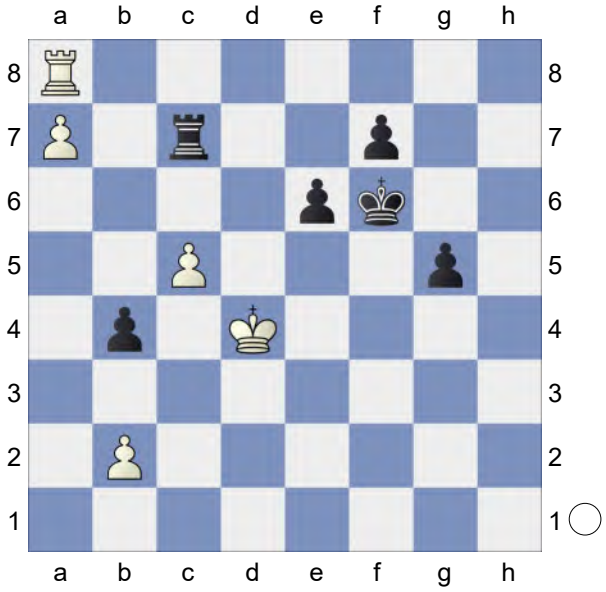


36.Ke3 Rd6 2.47/23
[36...Rd7!= -0.08/22]
37.c4? -0.01/24
[37.a7+- 2.47/23 Ra6 38.Kd4]
37...Kf6? 3.45/23
[37...bxc3= -0.01/24 and Black stays safe. 38.bxc3 Kf6]
38.a7? 1.31/22
[38.c5+- 3.45/23 has better winning chances. Rd7 39.Ke4]
38...Rd7± 39.c5

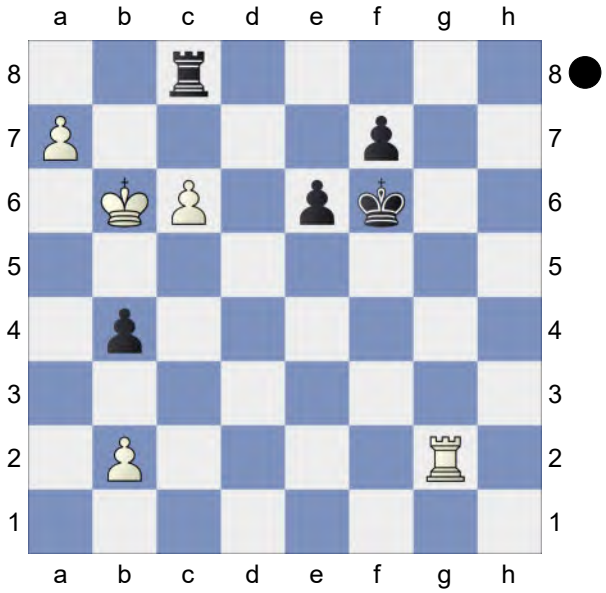


aiming for c6. **39...Rc7** 8.14/23
[39...e5± 1.07/24]

40.Kd4+- g5 9.56/21
[⌓40...b3 5.13/19 41.Kc4 Ke7 42.Re8+ Clearance, Promotion *(42.Kxb3 Rxc5 43.Rh8 Ra5+-)* 42...Kxe8]



41.c6 g4 16.34/21
[⌓41...Rxc6 5.09/22 42.Re8 Ra6 *(42...Rd6+? 43.Ke4+-)*]
42.Kc5 g3 43.Kb6 g2 44.Rg8!
[Inferior is 44.Kxc7 g1Q *(44...g1R?* too greedy. *45.Rh8+-)* 45.Kb7 Qf1=]
44...Rc8 45.Rxg2



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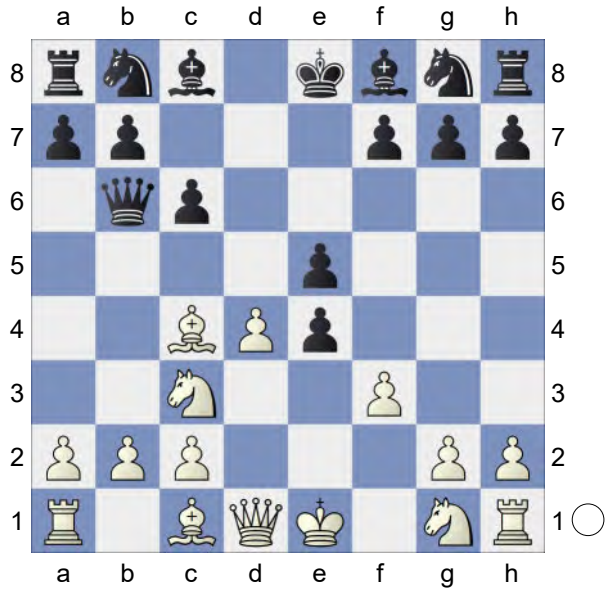
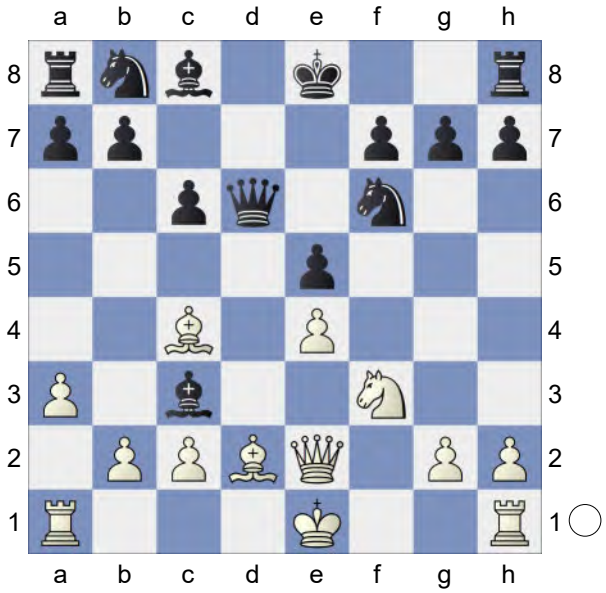
129 **B12**
□ **Iordachescu,Viorel** **2633**
■ **Mchedlishvili,Mikheil** **2518**
HZ Open Vlissingen NED (1) 11.08.2004
[Kitty Kat]

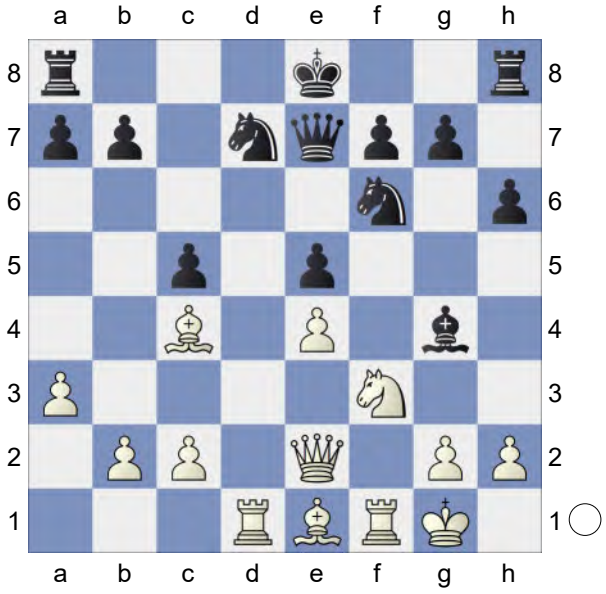
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.Bc4 e5N
[5...Nf6 6.fxe4 *(6.Bb3 Nbd7 7.Nxe4 e6 8.Ne2 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Be3 Bd7 12.0-0 h5 13.Nc3 Qc7 14.Qe2 0-0-0 15.Nb5 Bxb5 16.Qxb5 Bd6 17.f4 f5 18.Rad1 a6 19.Qc4 Ne4 20.Rd4 Qxc4 _-_ (28) 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 ♗b6 (2435)-Lezama,A (2430) 153/5 Moscow 2022 (8))* 6...e5 7.dxe5 Ng4 8.Qe2 Nxe5 9.Bb3 Bg4 10.Nf3 Nbd7 6. Caro-Kann: 1.e4 c6 Sidelin-3.f3 - Fantasy Variation #3 6. Caro-Kann: 1. e4 c6 Sidelines 2022]



6.Qe2
[6.Nxe4 f5 7.Nc3 exd4∓]
[6.fxe4 exd4 7.Nb1 Nf6∓]
6...Qxd4 7.fxe4 -0.32/20
[7.Nxe4= 0.10/18 was preferrable. Nf6 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.Bd3]
7...Bb4∓ 8.Bd2 Black has an edge.
8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Qd6 10.a3 Bxc3

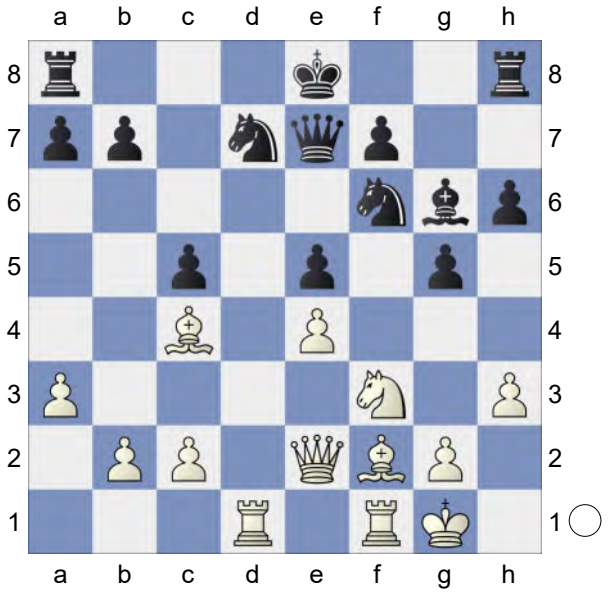


11.Bxc3 Bg4 12.0-0 White has compensation.
[12.Qd3 simplifies Qxd3 13.Bxd3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nbd7 15.0-0-0]
12...Nbd7 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Bb4 This pair of bishops is nice. **14...c5 15.Be1 h6**

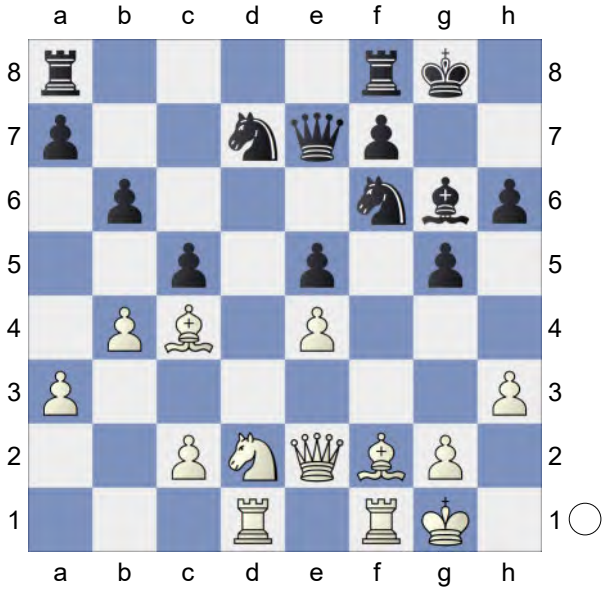


16.Bh4 g5 17.Bf2 Bh5 18.h3 Bg6 0.51/15

[18...Rg8∓ -0.32/18]

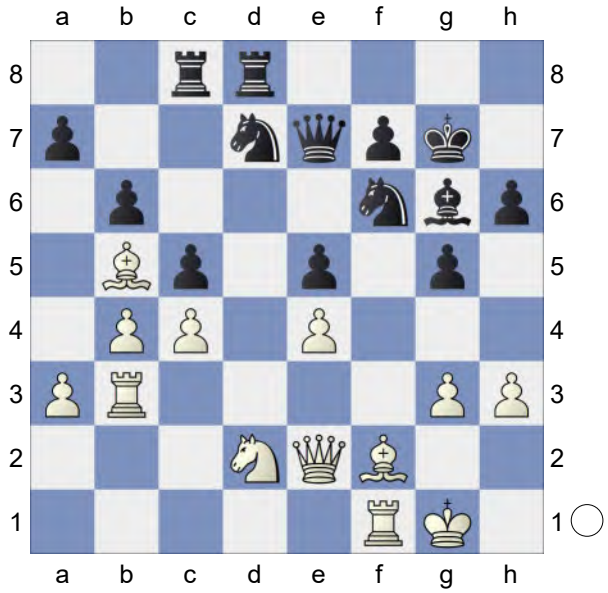


19.b4 -0.36/19 **0-0 20.Nd2** -0.83/18
[20.h4= -0.27/18]
20...b6

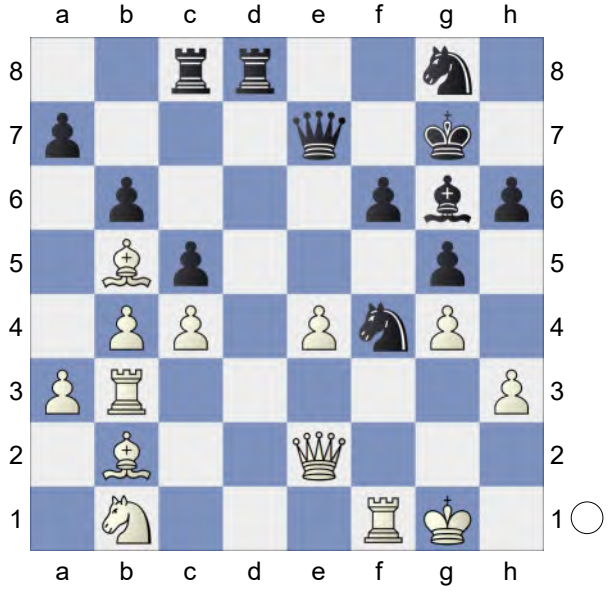


21.Rb1 Kg7 22.Bb5 -1.03/16
[22.b5∓ -0.60/15 deserves consideration.]
22...Rac8 23.c4 -1.63/19
[23.Bd3∓ -1.02/18]
23...Nh5-+ 24.g3 Nhf6 -1.25/17
[Black should try 24...Rfd8-+ -1.70/18 25.Rb3 Nf8]

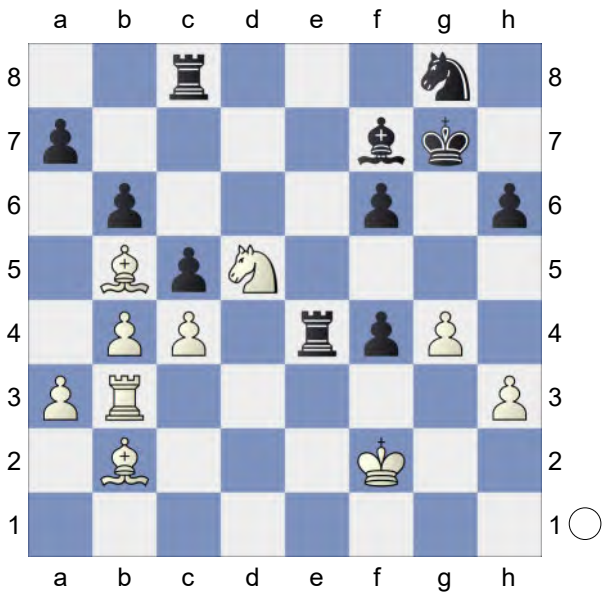
25.Rb3 -1.81/19
[25.Rb2∓ -1.25/17]
25...Rfd8



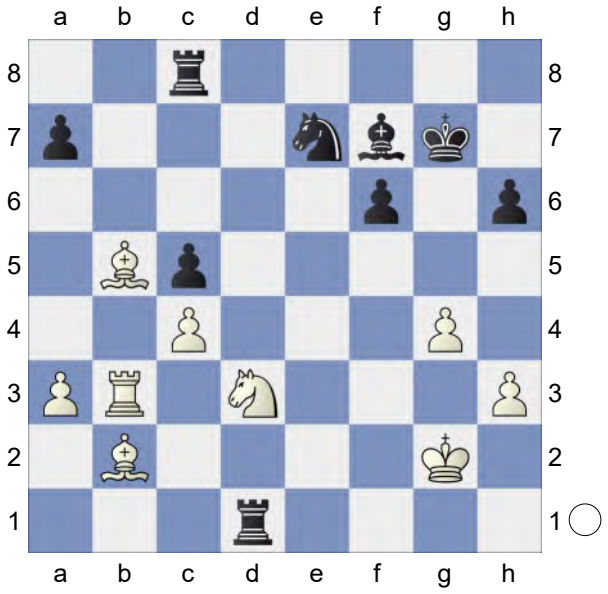
26.g4 Nf8 27.Bg3 Ng8 -1.17/18
[27...Rxd2-+ -1.78/19 28.Qxd2 Nxe4]
28.Nb1 -1.54/20
[⌓28.Ba6 -1.17/18]
28...Ne6 29.Bxe5+ f6 30.Bb2 Nf4



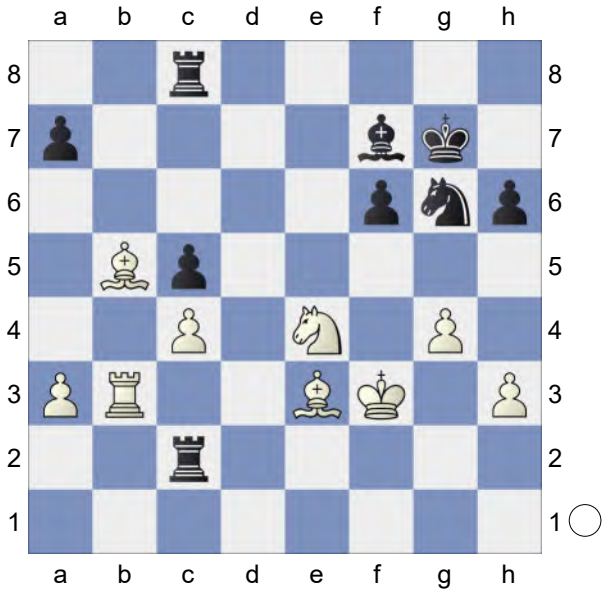
31.Rxf4 gxf4 32.Nc3 Rd4 33.Nd5 Qxe4 34.Qxe4 -2.59/23
[⌓34.Kf2 -1.73/24]
34...Rxe4 35.Kf2 Bf7



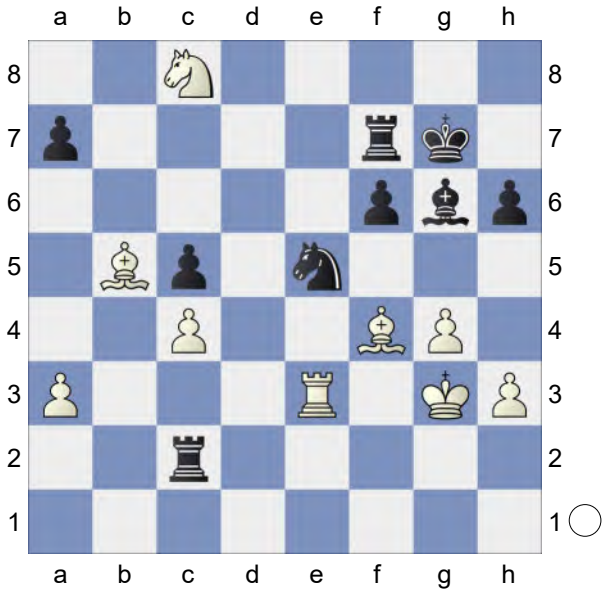
Threatens to win with ...cxb4. **36.Kf3 Re1 37.Nxf4 Ne7** -1.26/21
[37...Rd1-+ -1.65/22 38.Kg3 Rcd8 39.bxc5 bxc5]
38.Nd3 -1.69/22
[38.bxc5∓ -1.26/21 was called for. bxc5 (*38...Rxc5 39.Nd3∓*) 39.Kf2]
38...Rf1+ 39.Kg2 Rd1 And now ...Rd2+ would win. **40.bxc5 bxc5**



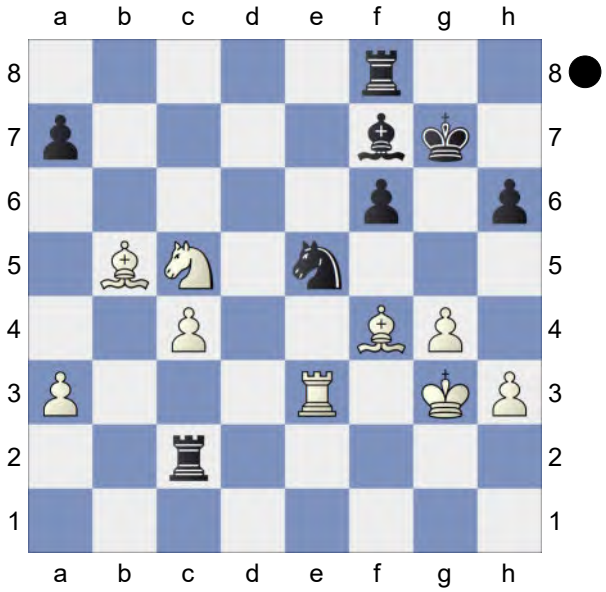
41.Nf2 Rd2 ...Nc6 would now be deadly.
42.Kf3 Bg6 43.Bc1 -2.16/22
[⌓43.h4 -1.78/21]
43...Rc2 44.Be3 Bf7 45.Ne4 Ng6
[45...Bxc4? 46.Bxc4 Rxc4 47.Nd6+-]



46.Nd6 Rc7 -1.35/21
[46...Rb8-+ -2.53/23 47.Nxf7 Kxf7 48.Bxc5 a6]
47.Kg3∓ Ne5 48.Bf4 Bg6
[48...Bxc4? 49.Bxc4 Rd7 50.Ne8+ Kg6 51.Be6 Rd3+ 52.Rxd3 Nxd3 53.Be3+- (*53.Bf5+ Kf7±*)]
49.Re3 -1.66/23
[49.h4∓ -1.09/22]
49...Re7-+ 50.Nc8 Rf7



51.Nd6 Re7 -0.01/19
[51...Rf8!∓ -0.87/25 52.Bxe5 fxe5]
52.Nc8!= Rf7 0.01/18
[52...Rb7!∓ -0.98/22 Strongly threatening ...a6. 53.a4 Nxc4 54.Bxc4 Rxc4]
53.Nd6 Rf8! 54.Nb7 -2.15/21
[54.a4∓ -1.55/21 was necessary.]
54...Bf7 55.Nxc5 -1.77/23
[55.Nd6∓ -1.30/22]



55...Ng6 -1.30/23
[Don't take 55...Nxc4 56.Re7∓]
[Better is 55...Rc8!-+ -1.77/23 56.Bxe5 fxe5 *(56...Rxc5 57.Bd6=)* 57.Rxe5 Bxc4]

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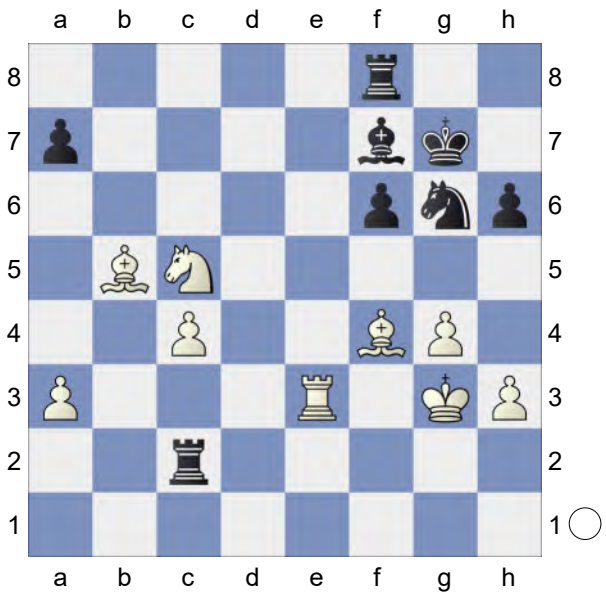
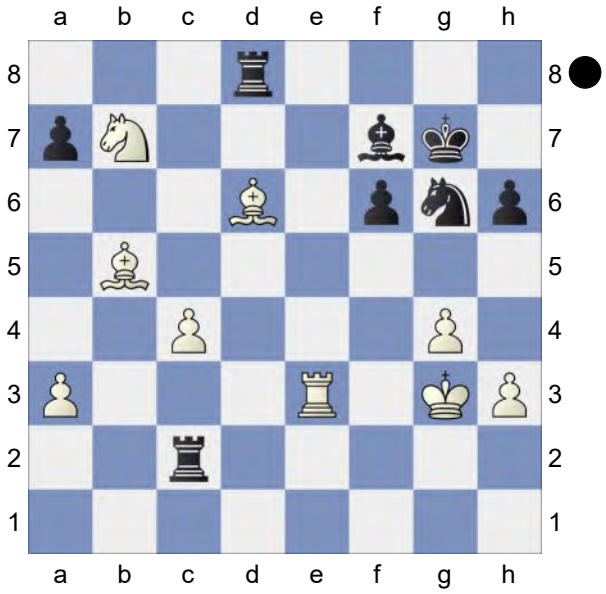
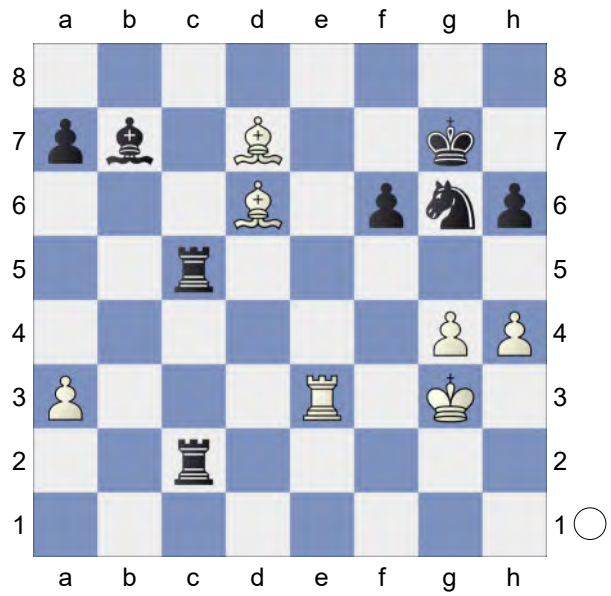


56.Bd6 Rd8 57.Nb7

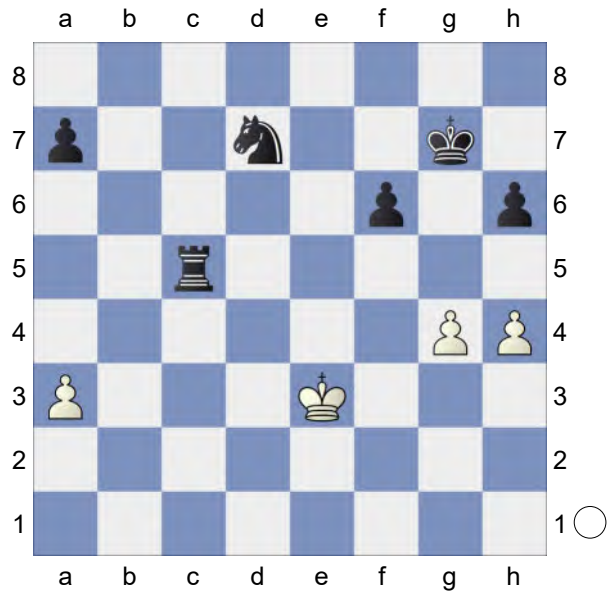


Rc8 -0.71/22
[⌓57...Rh8! -1.36/21 Hoping for ...h5! 58.Bc5 *(58.c5? Bd5-+)* 58...Bxc4 59.Bxc4 Rxc4]
58.c5? -5.57/22
[58.Na5∓ -0.71/22 is a better chance.]
58...Bd5-+ 59.h4 Bxb7 60.Bd7 R8xc5

(Diagram)



(-> ...Rg2+) **61.Rf3 Bxf3 62.Bxc5 Rxc5 63.Kxf3 Ne5+ 64.Ke3 Nxd7**



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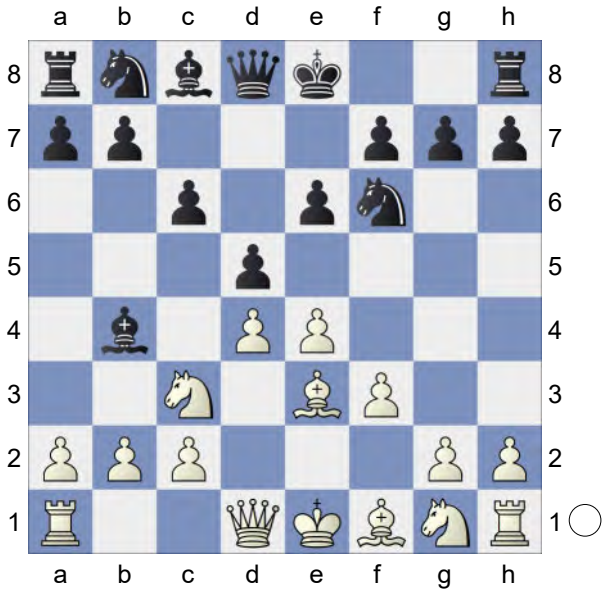
130 **B12**
□ **Savchenko,Boris** **2569**
■ **Iljin,Artem** **2510**
RUS-ch U20 Cheboksary (1) 02.03.2006
[Lukacs,Peter]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 Lukacs Lukacs Lukacs **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6**
[3...g6 is the other way for developing the ♗.]
4.Nc3 Nf6
[4...Bb4 looks as a better French type of position.]
5.Be3
[5.Bf4 Bb4 6.Qd3 b6 Δ♗a6 *(6...0-0 7.Nge2 c5!?* - Odeev-Adianto, Asian-ch Calcutta 2001 CBM 85*)* 7.Nge2 Ba6 *(7...0-0* - J.Polgar-Asrian, EU-ch Ohrid 2001 CBM 84 *)* 8.Qe3
A) 8...Nbd7?! is met by 9.e5 and the ♘ has to retreat. Ng8 10.a3 Be7 Now the ♗ follows him... 11.g4 Bh4+ 12.Bg3 Bxg3+ 13.Nxg3 Bxf1 14.Rxf1 Qe7 15.0-0-0 b5 16.Nb1 a5 17.f4 b4 18.f5± Gallagher-Dunn, London 1993;
B) 8...Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 Bxf1 10.Rxf1 0-0 *(10...Qd7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g4* Here in the ♙ race White comes first on the ». *Rc8 13.Bg5 Ne8 14.f4 dxe4 15.f5±* Gallagher-Kelecevic, Bad Ragaz 1994*)* 11.0-0-0 Ne8
B1) 12.e5 Qc7 13.Kb1 c5 14.Nb5 *(14.Ne2 Nc6 15.dxc5 Na5* Black sacrifices the ♙ in order to open lines against the enemy ♔. *16.cxb6 axb6 17.Nd4 Nc4 18.Qb3 Qb7⩱* Gallagher-Groszpeter, Lenk 1992*)* 14...Qc6 15.Nd6 Nd7∞;
B2) 12.Bg5!?;
B3) 12.Rfe1 Nd6 13.Qd3 Nc4∞;
C) 8...0-0 9.0-0-0 It is already an achievement for white castling «.
C1) 9...c5 10.a3 - 7...0-0 *(10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qd2 Nc6* Black has successfully finished his development. *12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Rxd5 Nb4=* Nolan-Hopper, Largs 1998 *)*;
C2) 9...Nbd7 10.h3 Rc8 11.a3 Be7 *(11...Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 b5 14.Bd6* The ♗ works well here. *Re8 15.e5 Nb6 16.b3 Nfd7 17.f4±* Murey-Saidy, New York 1989*)* 12.g4 Ne8 13.g5 Nd6 14.Bxd6 Bxd6 15.h4 (W.Bauer-Nickel, corr 1990/91) b5! 16.e5 Be7∞ Seirawan;
C3) 9...Be7 10.g4 c5 *(10...b5 11.Ng3 b4 12.Nce2 Bc4∞* with immense complications, Wall-Hodgson, GB-ch 1990.*)* 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 ½-½ McShane-Dreev, Esbjerg 2003]
[5.e5 Nfd7 6.f4 c5 - C11]
[5.Bg5 h6 *(5...Qb6!?)* 6.Bh4 Qb6 7.a3 *(7.Rb1 c5P)* 7...c5 8.Nge2 *(8.Bxf6 gxf6)* 8...Nc6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Na4 Qa5+ 11.Nec3 Be7 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.exd5 Nd4 14.Bd3 exd5 15.0-0 0-0∓ Smyslov-Botvinnik, Moscow 1958]
5...Bb4 0.38/21
[5...Be7
A) 6.Bd3 b6 Δ♗a6 is the best plan to exchange the passive "French" ♗.

A1) 7.e5 Nfd7 8.f4 Ba6 9.Nf3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 *(10.cxd3!?)*;
A2) 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Kh1 c5 *(9...Bxd3 10.Qxd3 a5 11.a3 Nbd7=)* 10.exd5 c4 *(10...exd5 11.Nf4 c4 12.Bf5* (Krutikhin-Bagirov, Novosibirsk 1962) *Nc6∞)* 11.Be4 exd5 12.Bf5 Bc8=;

B) Immediately 6.e5 looks more flexible. 6...Nfd7 7.f4 b6 Δ♗a6
B1) 8.Qg4 0-0 9.Nf3 f5 1.04/19 *(9...b5±* 0.44/18 *)*;
B2) 8.Nf3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.0-0 0-0]

[5...Qb6= -0.05/19]



6.e5± Nfd7 7.a3!?

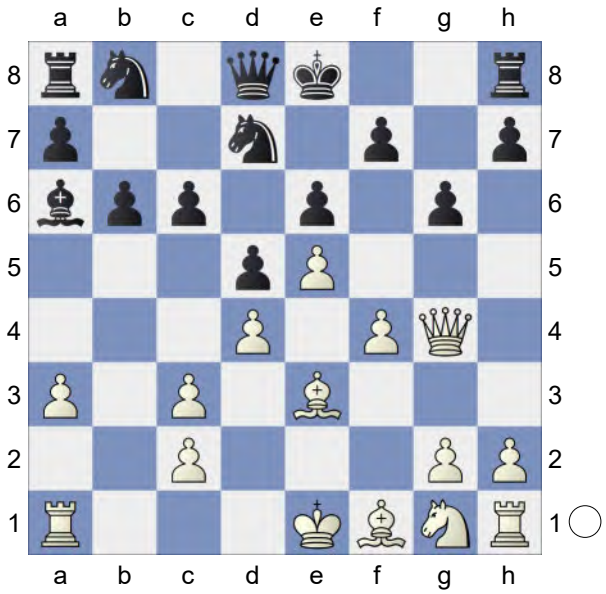
[7.f4 c5 *(7...b6* Δ♗a6 *8.Nf3 Ba6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3±)* 8.Nf3 *(8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.Nf3 -* 8.♘f3 *)* 8...Nc6 9.a3 Bxc3+ *(9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bc5* Compare to C11 French Steinitz Variation with an extra a3. *11.Qd2±* Kostic-Pirc, Bled 1931*)* 10.bxc3± Lukacs: '- 8.♘f3' 0-0 11.Bd3 f6 12.0-0 c4 13.Be2 f5 14.Qe1 28) Caro-Kann Fantasy: 3...e6-3...e6 4.Nc3 SL: 4...Nf6 / 5.]

7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 White is slightly better. **8...b6N 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4**

[10.Bd3!? Bxd3 11.cxd3]

10...g6

[10...0-0 11.Bd3]
[⌓10...Bxf1 11.Kxf1 0.10/21 *(11.Qxg7! Bxg2!; 11.Qxg7±* 0.66/21 *Bxg2 12.Qxg2)* 11...0-0∞ and White has no real attackling chances on the », but his « is weak.]
[10...Bxf1 11.Qxg7 *(11.Kxf1 0-0=)* 11...Rf8 12.Kxf1+-]



11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 This looks a bit sophysticated.

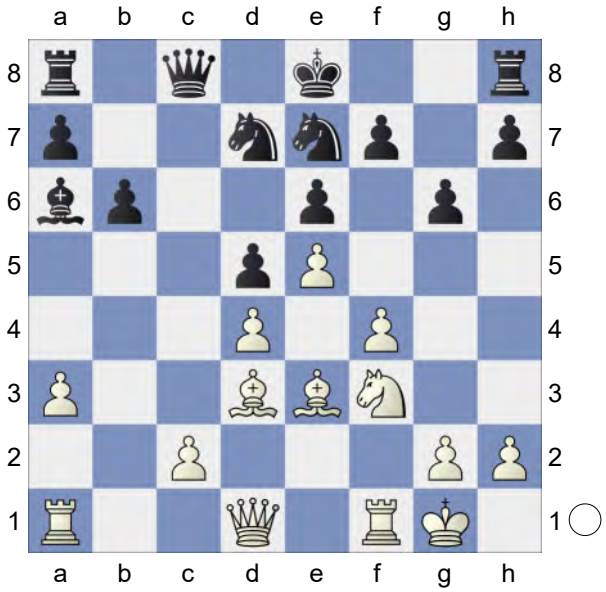
[12.Nf3±]

12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7

[15...0-0?! runs into the → after the typical 16.f5! 0.09/23 *(16.g4!±* 0.69/19 *)* 16...Bxd3 0.50/22 *(16...exf5=* 0.09/23 *17.Bh6 Re8)* 17.cxd3±

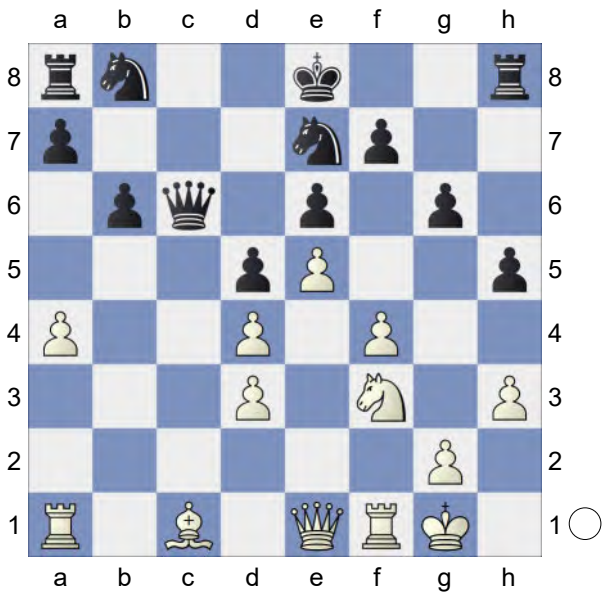
A) 17...exf5 18.Qb3 Qd8 0.82/21 *(18...Ndb8±* 0.34/19 deserves consideration.*)* 19.Rac1!↑ *(19.Qxd5?* -2.15/20 19.Rac1 0.65

Ndxe5!);
B) 17...exf5± 0.45/21 18.Bh6 Re8;
C) 17...gxf5 1.72/21 18.Bh6+- Re8 19.Qd2 1.31/22 *(19.Rc1+- 1.72/21 Qb7 20.Ng5)* 19...Kh8± 20.Rac1! Qb7 21.Rc3 Rac8 2.10/22 *(21...Rg8± 1.49/23* was necessary. *22.Rfc1 Rac8)* 22.Rfc1⩲ 1.04/20 *(22.Ng5+- 2.10/22* is more deadly. *Nd8 23.Rfc1 Rxc3 24.Rxc3)*]

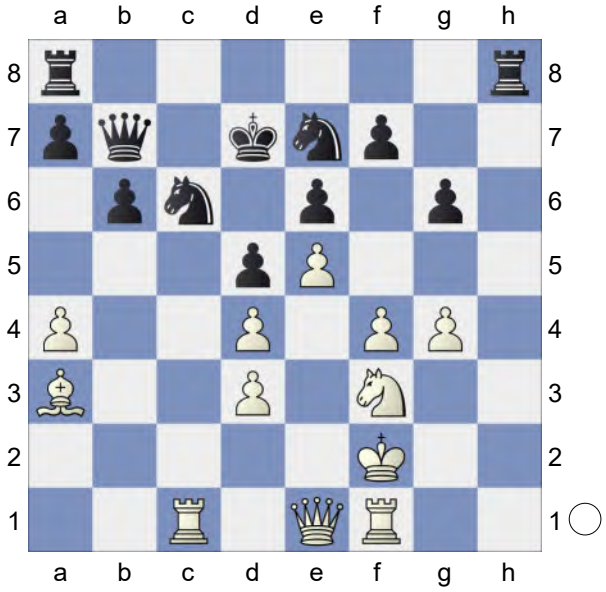


16.a4 Bc4
[16...Bxd3 17.cxd3± opens the c ⇔.]
17.Bc1! Δ ♗a3 activating the "bad" ♗ on the a3-f8 ⇗. **17...Qc6** 0.99/20
[17...Bxd3± 0.40/18 18.cxd3 Nb8]
18.Qe1± Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5
[19...Qc2 20.Ba3! The weak d3 ♙ doesn't count.
A) 20...Nf5 2.67/22 20...a5 1.23 21.Rc1 Qxd3 2.34/23 *(⌓21...Qxa4* 1.68/23 *22.Qc3 Nf8)* 22.Rc3+- Qa6 23.Qc1 Rd8 2.91/21 *(⌓23...h6* 1.96/21 *24.Qc2 Rd8)* 24.Qc2± 1.56/19 with a strong pressure on the only opened c ⇔. *(24.g4+-* 2.91/21 *)*;
B) 20...Qxd3 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Qb4+ 0.96/22 *(22.Qh4++-* 1.81/20 *Ke8 23.Rfc1)* 22...Ke8 1.82/21 *(22...Kd8±* 0.96/22 *)* 23.Rac1± and the ♔ in the middle obstructs the connection between the rooks.]
20.h3 Nb8
[20...Qc2 1.29/23 20...Nf5 0.89 is similar to the previous note. 21.Ba3! aiming for Bxe7. Qxd3 1.70/20 *(21...Nf5±* 1.02/21 *)* 22.Bxe7+- Kxe7 23.Qb4+ Ke8 2.24/21 *(⌓23...Kd8* 1.83/21 *)* 24.Rac1 Qd6 is the strong threat. Qe3+ 25.Kh1± 1.18/22 *(*White should play *25.Kh2+-* 1.62/23 *Qxf4+ 26.g3)*]
[20...Nf5 21.g4!? hxg4 22.hxg4
A) 22...Nh6? 2.95/21 22...Ne7 1.26 23.Ba3! And now Qh4 would win. Nxg4?? 3.72/21 *(⌓23...Ng8* 2.09/20 *24.Qd2 b5)* 24.Qb4+- with a mating →.;
B) 22...Ne7 23.Ba3 Qc2 24.Rc1 Qxd3 2.33/22 *(24...Qxa4±* 0.89/22 *25.Bd6 Qa6)* 25.Qb4!+- Ng8 26.Kg2→ *(* avoiding the trap: *26.Rc7??* -0.62/21 26.Kg2 2.14 *Rh1+!-+)*]

(Diagram)

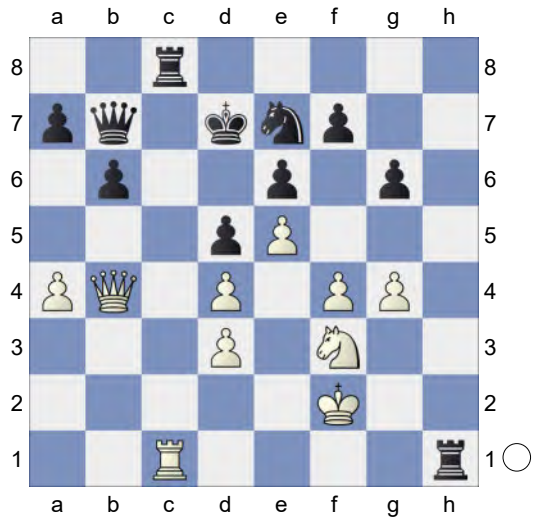


21.Ba3 Qd7 1.80/21 Black is weak on the dark squares
[21...Nf5 22.g4!]
[21...Nf5± 1.33/22 was called for. 22.g4 hxg4 23.hxg4 Ne7]
22.Rc1 1.26/21
[22.Qh4+- 1.80/21 Qf6 would now be deadly. g5 23.Qxg5 *(23.fxg5 Nf5+-)*]
22...Nbc6 1.69/20
[22...Nf5± 1.26/21]
23.g4!? 0.98/18
[23.Rf2! doubling on the c ⇔ was more promising: Rc8 24.Rfc2±]
[23.Qh4+- 1.69/20]
23...hxg4 24.hxg4 Qb7 1.39/21
[24...g5!? 1.70/22 24...Na5 0.70 is a witty counterattack! 25.Qd2! 1.16/20 White has to answer carefully. *(25.Nxg5 1.01/19 25.Qe3 1.57 Nxd4P; 25.fxg5 Ng6P; 25.Qe3+- 1.70/22)*
A) 25...gxf4 2.06/21 25...a5 0.83 26.Qxf4 Strongly threatening Qf6. Ng6? 4.17/21 *(26...Rg8 2.24/20 27.Ng5 0-0-0)* 27.Qf6+- Threatens to win with Rxc6! Nd8 28.Bd6 Rc8 Wards off Rc7 29.Kg2±;
B) 25...a5± 1.16/20;
C) 25...Ng6 2.10/21 26.f5!↑]
[⌓24...Na5 0.72/23]
25.Kf2! White is more active.Δ ♖h1
25...Kd7 1.59/21
[⌓25...a6 1.11/19]



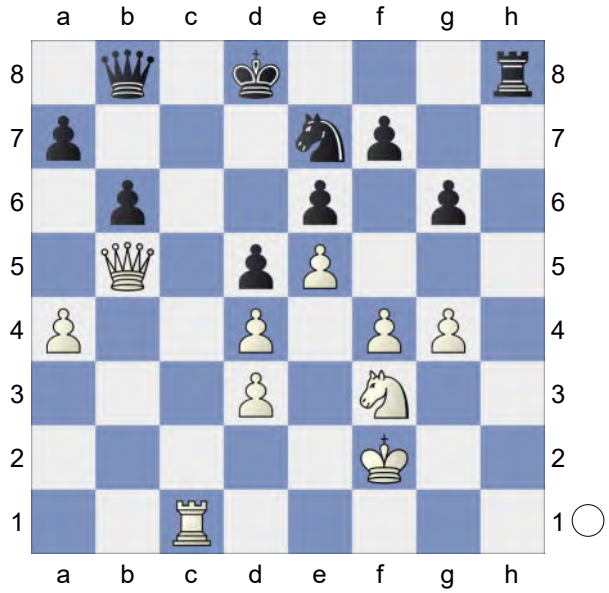
26.Bxe7 1.12/23
[⌓26.Qc3! 1.59/21]
26...Nxe7? 3.30/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.Now Black's position collapses in view of the weakness ✕ d6.
[26...Kxe7 was not bad at all: 27.Rh1 Rac8 28.Rxh8 *(28.Ke3 0.49/22 28.Qc3 1.17 Kd7)* 28...Rxh8 29.Qc3 Rc8
A) 30.Rh1 Qa3+ would kill now. Kf8 1.95/21 *(30...a5± 0.70/20)*;
B) 30.Qa3+ Ke8 31.Rh1 Qe7±]
[26...Kxe7± 1.12/23 keeps fighting. 27.Qc3 Rac8]
27.Qb4!+- Rac8? 5.39/26
[27...Rad8 3.26/22 28.Ng5 Ke8]
28.Rh1 White is clearly winning.
28...Qb8 Inhibits Qd6+.
[28...Rxh1

(Diagram)



29.Qd6+! Ke8 30.Rxh1+-]

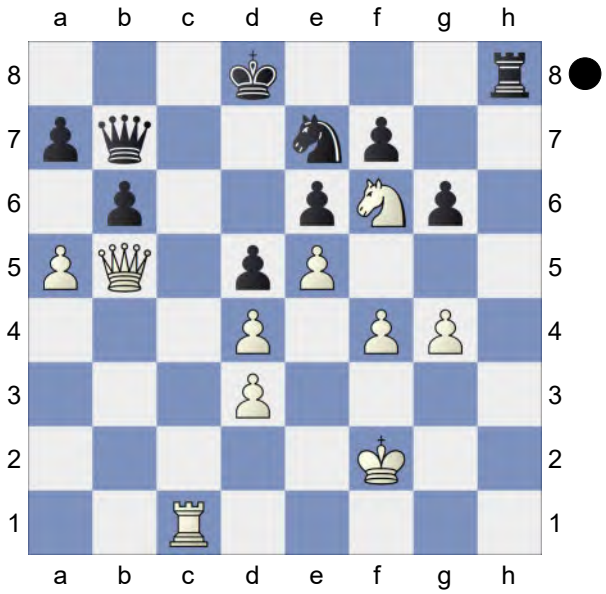
29.Rxh8 Rxh8 30.Qb5+ Kd8



31.Ng5! Rf8 32.Nh7 Rh8 33.Nf6 Qb7

Wards off Qd7+ **34.a5**

(Diagram)



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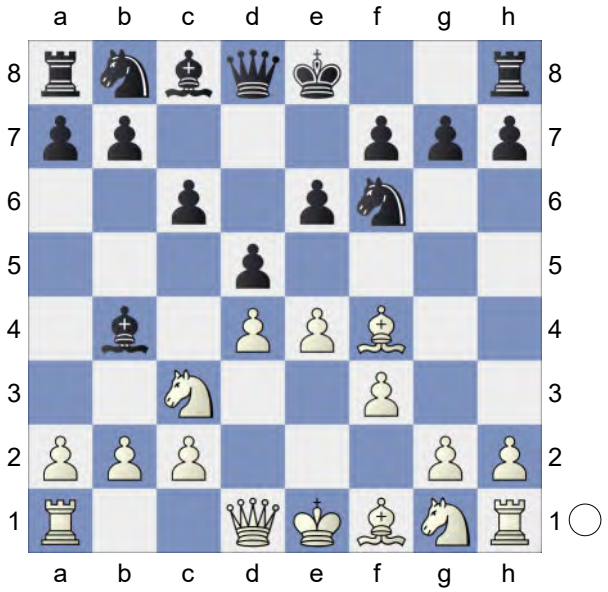
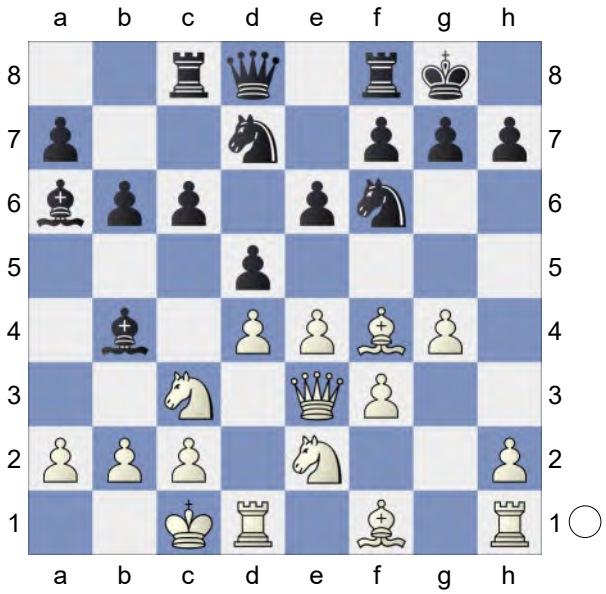
131 **B12**
□ **Prusikin,Michael** **2557**
■ **Brunner,Lucas** **2485**
SUI-chT Switzerland (4.3) 25.05.2008
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
RR: 'Inf 47/(181)' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bf4 Nf6**

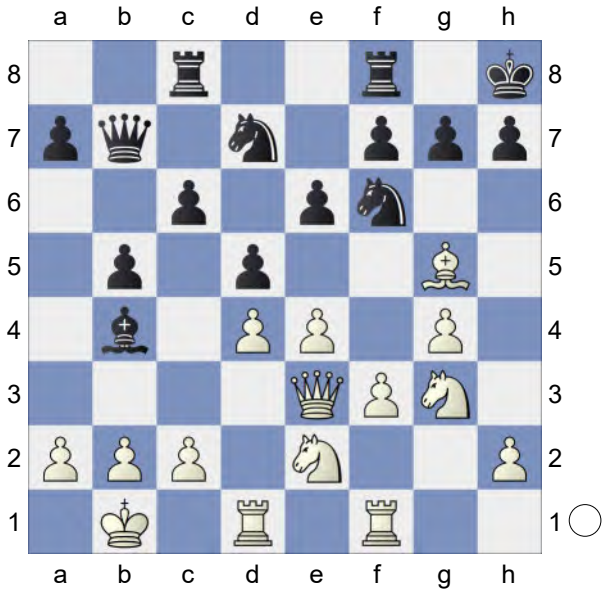


6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 Ba6 8.Qe3 0-0 9.0-0-0 The position is equal. **9...Nbd7**
[9...c5 10.a3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Qc8 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO SMALL 2003]
10.g4N
[10.h3 Rc8 11.a3 Be7 *(11...Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 b5 14.Bd6 Re8 15.e5 Nb6 16.b3 Nfd7 17.f4* Murey,J (2560)-Saidy,A (2405) 47/(181) New York 1989*)* 12.g4 Ne8 13.g5 Nd6 14.Bxd6 Bxd6 15.h4 Bc4 16.e5 Be7 17.Bh3 b5 Bauer,W-Nickel,A corr 52/(149) 1990]
10...Rc8

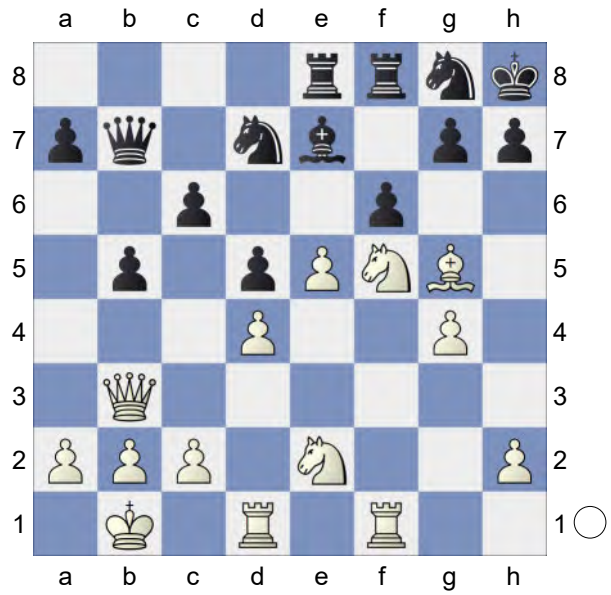
(Diagram)



11.Ng3 Bxf1 12.Rhxf1 b5 13.Kb1
[13.g5!? Ne8□ 14.Qd3=]
13...Qb6 0.74/19
[13...Nb6= 0.11/16 remains equal.]
14.Nce2 -0.01/18
[14.a3± 0.74/19 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 dxe4 16.fxe4 Nxg4 17.Bd6]
14...Qb7 0.72/18
[14...Qd8!= -0.01/18 keeps the balance.]
15.Bg5 Kh8 1.00/18
[15...dxe4± 0.53/19 16.fxe4 Be7]

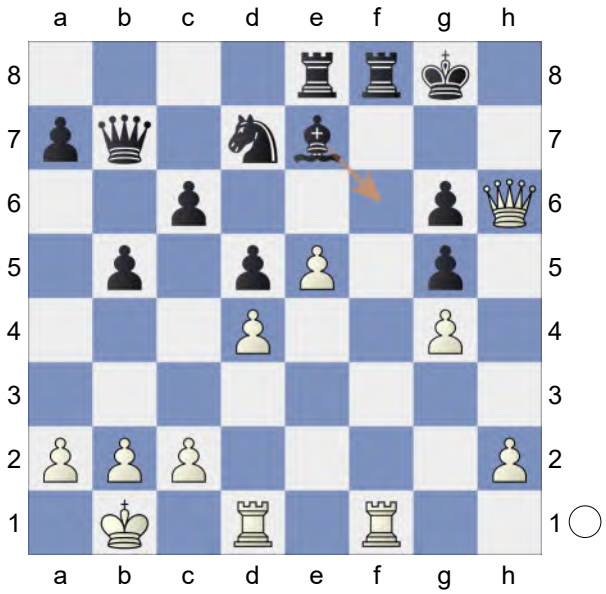


16.e5± Ng8 17.f4 Rce8 18.f5 exf5 1.64/18
[18...f6± 0.94/18]
19.Nxf5 Black must now prevent a3.
19...f6 20.Qb3 Be7



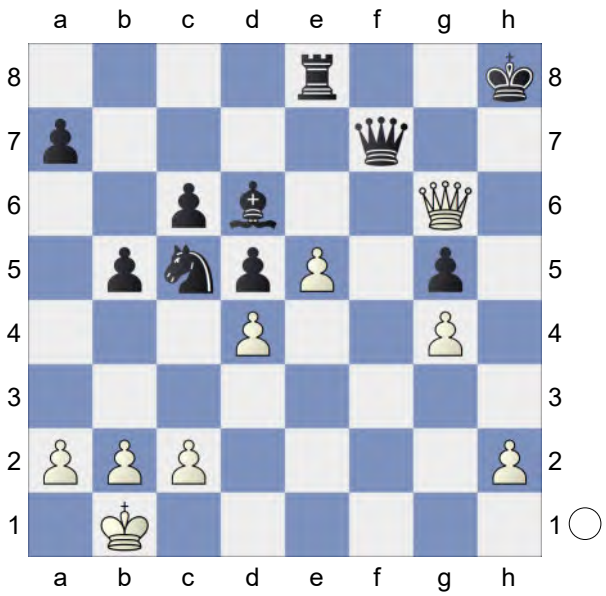
21.Nf4 0.01/22 White has more active pieces. **21...fxg5= 22.Ng6+ hxg6 23.Qh3+ Nh6 24.Nxh6 gxh6** 2.07/21
[24...Rxf1= 0.01/24 and Black has nothing to worry. 25.Rxf1 Bf6 *(25...gxh6 26.Qxh6+ Kg8 27.Qxg6+ Kh8 28.Rf7 Rg8 29.Qh7#)* 26.Nf7+ Kg8]
25.Qxh6++- Kg8

(Diagram)

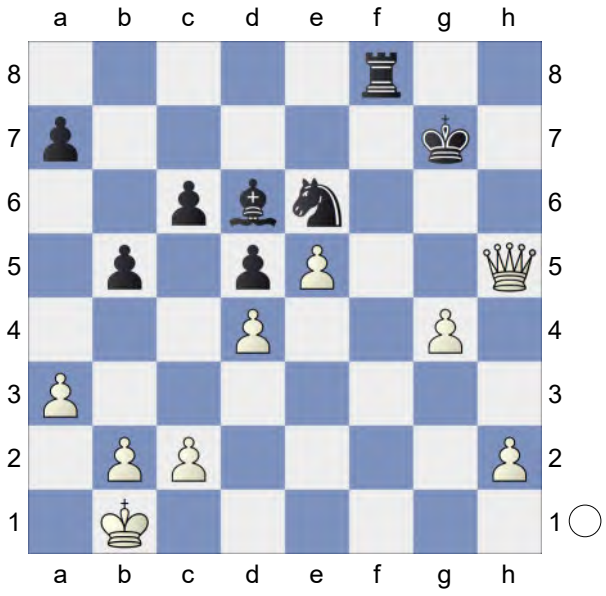


Threatens to win with ...Bf6! **26.Qxg6+ Kh8 27.Rf5→** White is out for blood.
27...Nc5 5.88/26 Dodges Rd3
[27...Bd8 2.06/24]
28.Rdf1 White wants to mate with R1f3! White is clearly winning.
[28.dxc5 Bxc5 29.Qh6+ *(29.Rxg5 Re7∓; 29.Qxg5 Qh7=)* 29...Qh7 30.Qxc6 Be7∓]
28...Bd6 9.62/24
[⌓28...Bf6 4.75/23 29.Rxf6 Qg7 30.Qh5+ *(30.dxc5?* loses. *Qxg6* Pin *31.Rxf8+ Rxf8-+)* 30...Kg8 31.dxc5 Rxf6 32.Qxe8+ *(32.exf6 Rf8+-)* 32...Qf8 33.Qxf8+ *(33.exf6 Qxe8 34.f7+ Qxf7±)* 33...Rxf8]
29.Rf7
[29.Qxd6 Rxf5 30.Rxf5 *(30.gxf5 Ne4=)* 30...Ne6=]
29...Rxf7 30.Rxf7 Qxf7

(Diagram)



31.Qxf7 Rf8 32.Qh5+
[32.Qxa7? Rf1#]
32...Kg7 33.Qxg5+
[33.exd6? Rf1#]
33...Kh7 34.a3
[Stronger than 34.exd6 Rf1+=]
34...Ne6 35.Qh5+ Kg7



36.exd6

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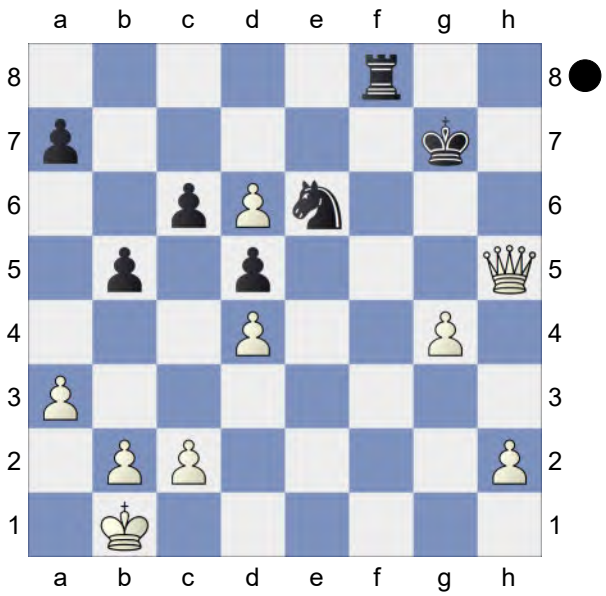

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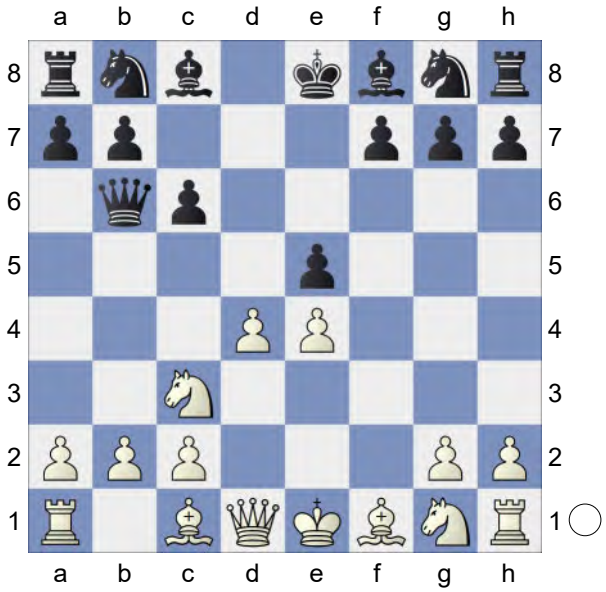
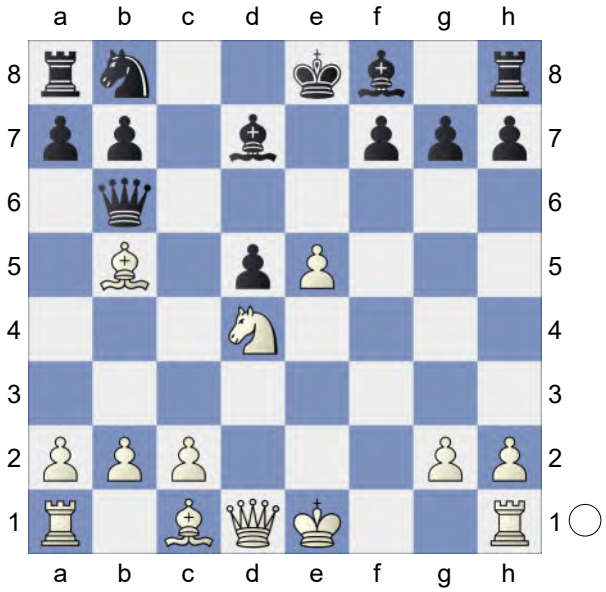
132 **B12**
□ **Das,Arghyadip** **2459**
■ **Lalit Babu,M R** **2484**
It Open Hastings ENG (6) 02.01.2012
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Qb6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.fxe4 e5!



6.Nf3 exd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.e5
The position is equal.
[8.Bc4 Bc5 9.Nb3 Bf2+ 10.Kf1 a5 11.Qf3 Bd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.Qg3 0-0 15.Be3 Qb4 16.Rb1 Bh5 17.a3 Qe7 18.Bf4 Re8 19.e5 Nfd7 20.Re1 Bg6 21.Ne4 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 0-1 (59) Najdorf Variation,M (1409)-9. ♘xf6+ gxf6 10. ♕e2 69412 (1477) corr 11. Belarus Championship Final 2011 (9)]
8...Nd5N 0.50/18
[8...Ng4= 0.10/20 should be considered. 9.e6 Bxe6 10.Bc4
A) 10...Bxc4 11.Qxg4 Na6 *(11...Nd7 12.Qe4+ Kd8 13.Bg5+ f6 14.0-0-0 fxg5 15.Ne6+ Bxe6 16.Qxe6 Qc7 17.Rd3* Caro Kann Fantasy Rare-Rare 3rds: 3...Qb6 #4 *)* 12.Bd2 Nc5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Rde1 0-0-0 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.Rhf1 Caro Kann Fantasy Rare-Rare 3rds: 3...Qb6 #5;
B) 10...h5 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Qd3 Ne5 13.Qe4 Nbd7 14.Nxe6 Kf7 15.Be3 Qxb2 16.0-0+ Kxe6 17.Rad1 Qxc3 18.Qf5+ Ke7 19.Bg5+ Nf6 20.Bxf6+ gxf6 21.Qxf6+ Ke8 22.Kh1 Caro Kann Fantasy Rare-Rare 3rds: 3...Qb6 #2]
9.Nxd5 0.05/19
[9.e6!± 0.50/18 might be stronger. Bxe6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Qh5+ Kd7 12.Bd2]
9...cxd5= 10.Bb5+ Bd7



11.Bxd7+
[11.e6 looks sharper. fxe6 12.Qh5+ Kd8 13.Bg5+]
11...Nxd7 12.Nf3 -0.64/20
[12.c3= -0.09/19]
12...0-0-0 Black is more active. **13.Qe2 Bc5** Against Be3 **14.c3! Rhe8** Black wants to play ...Nxe5! **15.b4**

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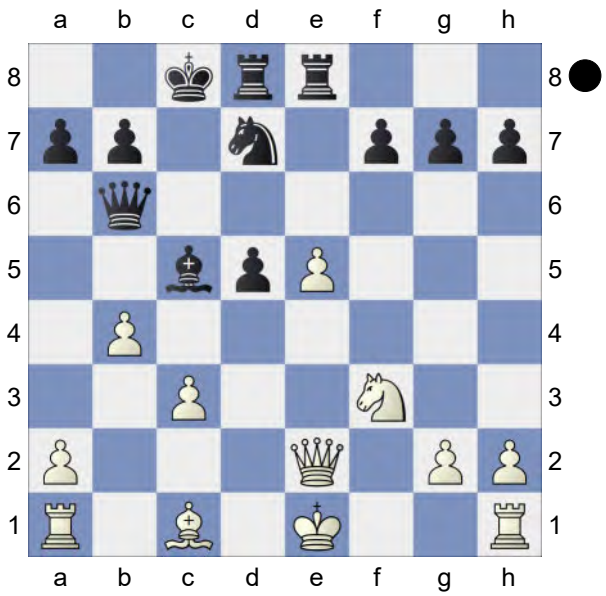
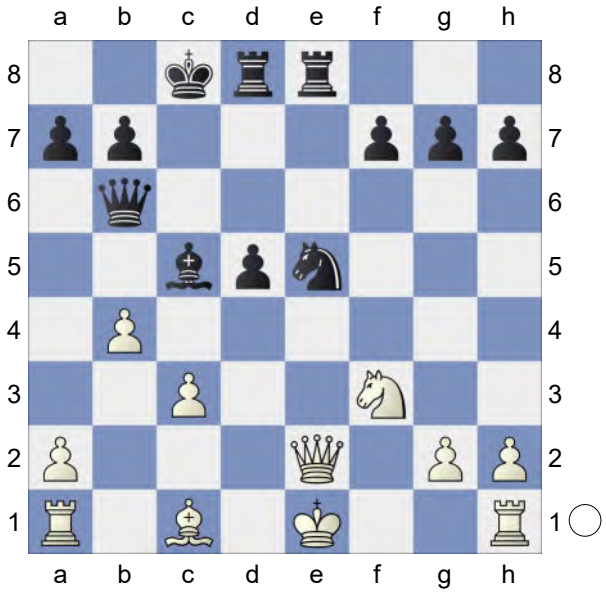
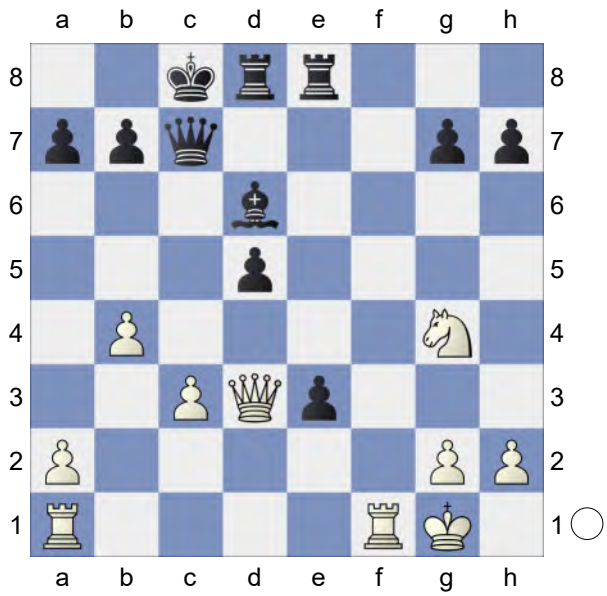


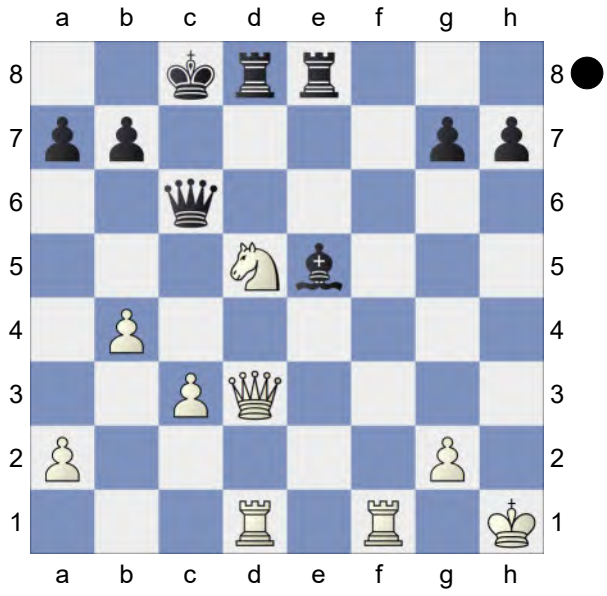
Nxe5!



16.Nxe5 Bd6 17.Be3 Qc7 0.46/21
[Black should play 17...Bxe5∓ -0.65/22 18.Bxb6 Bxc3+ 19.Kf1 Rxe2]
18.Ng4? -1.05/22
[Stronger than 18.Qg4+ Kb8 19.Qd4 b6∓]
[18.Nd3± 0.46/21 was forced to keep a grip.]
18...f5↑ Black is on the roll.
[18...Qxc3+ 19.Kf2 Kb8 *(19...Qxb4 20.Rab1=)* 20.Qd2]
19.0-0 f4 20.Qd3 -1.48/21 **fxe3**



21.Nxe3 Bxh2+ 22.Kh1 Be5 23.Nxd5 -2.19/21
[23.Rad1∓ -1.47/19 was worth a try.]
23...Qc6-+ 24.Rad1? -6.84/21
[24.Rfd1 -2.04/21 Kb8 25.Kg1]



24...Rxd5! 25.Qxd5
[25.Qh3+ Kb8]
25...Qh6+

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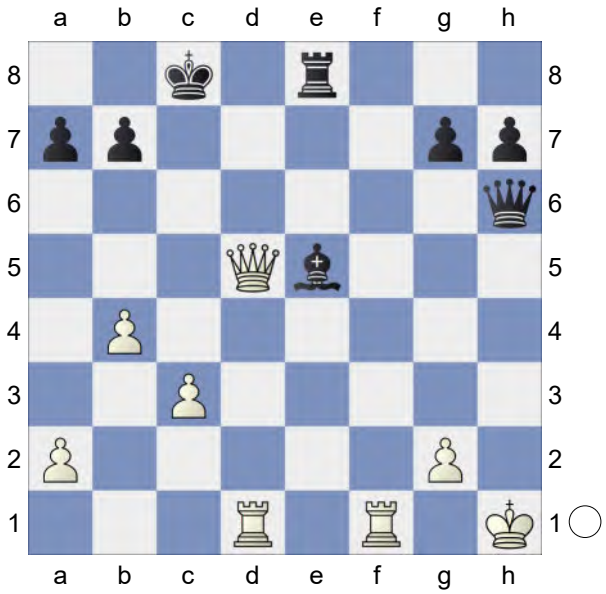
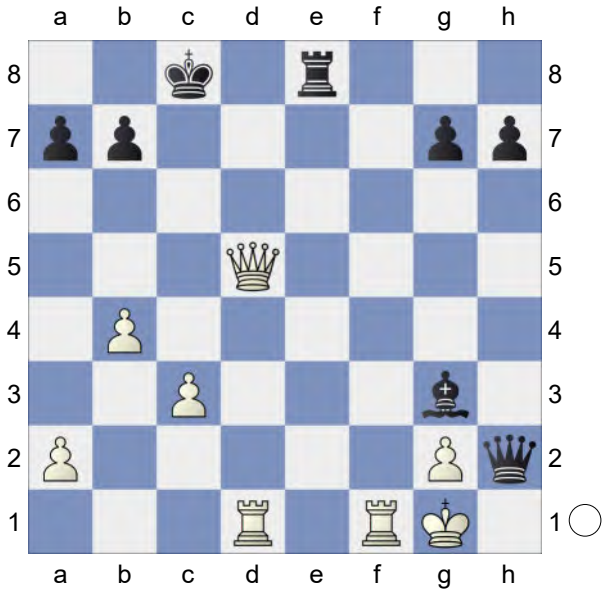


Black mates. **26.Kg1 Bh2+ 27.Kh1 Bg3+ 28.Kg1 Qh2#**



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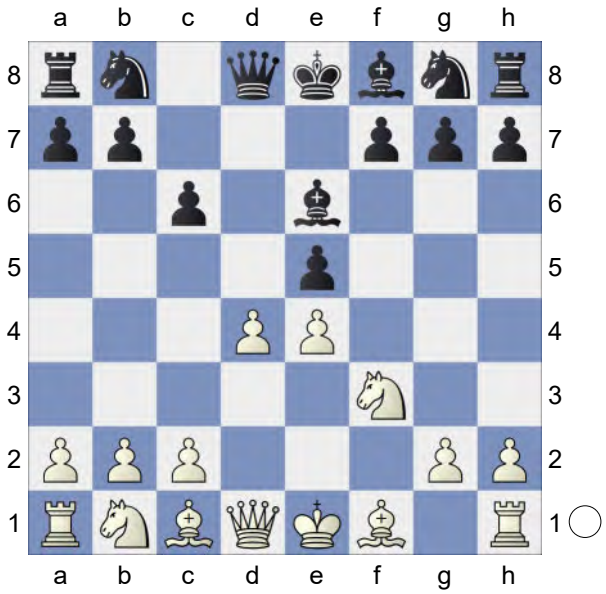
133 **B12**
□ **Rogers,Ian** **2618**
■ **Oral,Tomas** **2521**
Saintly Cup Sydney (1) 22.01.1999
[Ftacnik,Lubomir]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4
[3...e6]
[3...g6]
4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Be6
[5...exd4 6.Bc4]



6.c3 Nf6 7.Nxe5 Nxe4 8.Nf3
[8.Bd3
A) 8...Qh4+ 9.g3 Nxg3 10.Nf3 Qh3 *(10...Qh5 11.Rg1 Nf5 12.Rg5 Qh3 13.Bf1)* 11.Rg1 Nh5 *(11...Nf5 12.Bf1 Qh5 13.Rg5; 11...Bd6 12.hxg3 Bxg3+ 13.Kd2)* 12.Bf1 Qf5 13.Rg5 Qe4+ 14.Kf2 Nf6 15.Bd3 h6 *(15...Ng4+ 16.Kg1)* 16.Bxe4 1-0 Ruzele,D-Roeber,B/Gelsenkirchen/1999/ (19) Nxe4+! 17.Kg1 hxg5 18.Qe2 g4 19.Qxe4 gxf3 20.Bf4;
B) 8...Bd6 9.Nf3;
C) 8...Nd7 ½-½ Petrosian,T-Benko, P/Curacao/1962/ (23)
C1) 9.Nxd7 Qh4+ 10.g3 Nxg3;
C2) 9.Nf3 Nef6 *(Black prefers to lose his rook in order to avoid the thematic mate final: 9...Ndf6 10.Qc2)* 10.Ng5 Bg4 11.Qb3 1-0 Mohota,N (2331)-Karavade,E (2276)/Abu Dhabi 2004/;
C3) 9.0-0?? Nxe5! This impressive knight move decides the game for White. 10.Bxe4]
8...Be7
[8...Bd6 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.0-0 1-0 Dzindzichashvili,R-Gutman,L/USSR/1972/ (31) Nbd7 11.c4 0-0 12.Nc3 Qc7 13.Qe1 Qa5 14.Ng5 Rfe8 15.Qh4]
9.Bd3 Ng5
[9...Nd6 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Qe2 c5 13.Na3 Rc8 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 0-0 16.d5 Bxd5 17.Be4 Nf6 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 1-0 Borisenko,G-Tukmakov,V/USSR/1971/ (26) 19.c4 Nf4 20.Qe4 Qf6 21.Ne5 Bd6 22.Nd7]
[9...Nf6]
10.Nbd2!? An exciting novelty in a famous line, white is playing with the well known ideas in a bit different packaging. An exciting novelty in a famous line, White is playing with the well known ideas in a bit different packaging. **10...Nd7**

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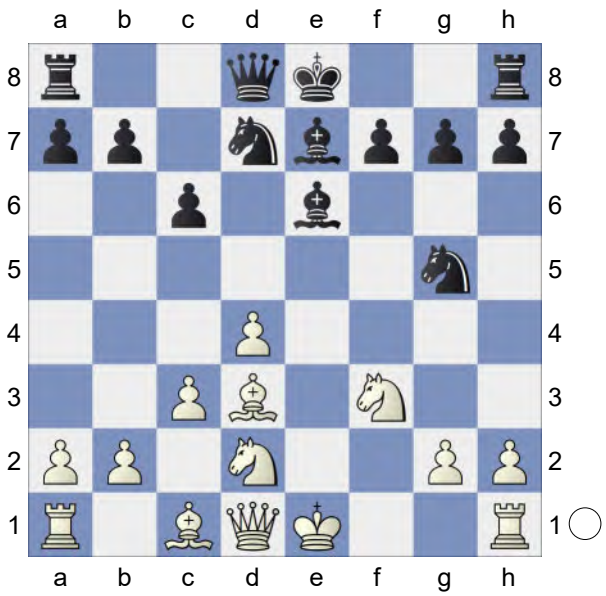
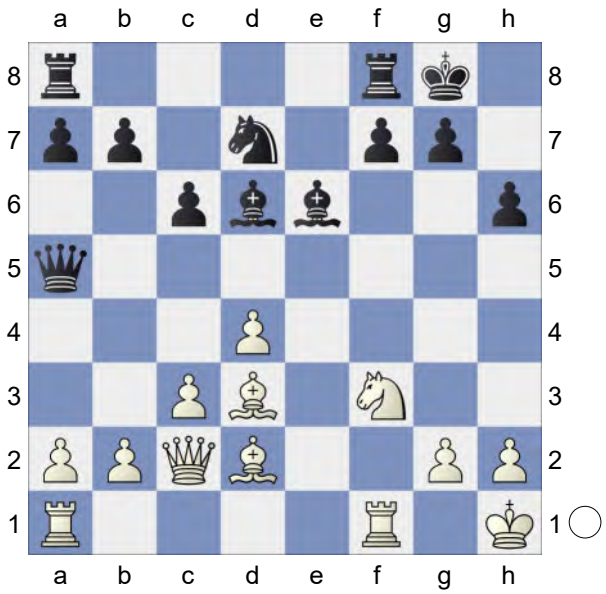
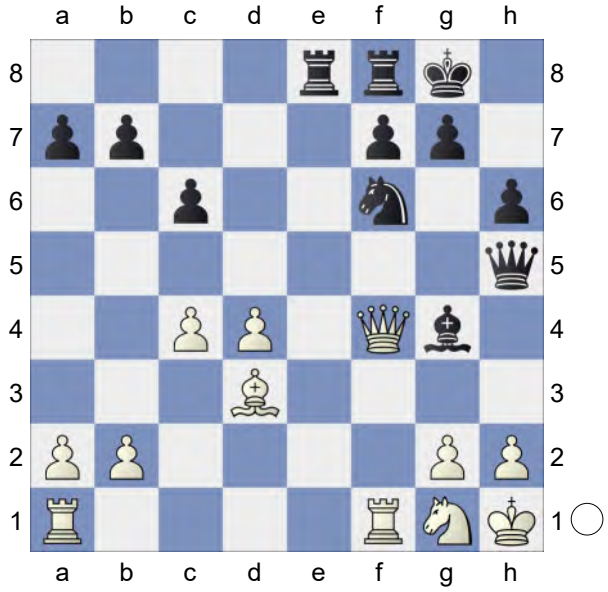


11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2 h6 13.Kh1 Nxf3 14.Nxf3 Bd6 15.Bd2 Qa5
[15...Nf6 16.Rae1]



16.Qc1 Qh5! Black has to be polite, since white wanted to use his home preparation for the beautiful attack after the sacrifice of both rooks. Black has to be polite, since White wanted to use his home preparation for the beautiful attack after the sacrifice of both rooks.
[16...Nf6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxh6 Be7 19.Ng5]

17.Bf4 Bxf4?! 18.Qxf4 Rae8
[18...Qg4 19.Qc7 Rab8 20.Rae1]
19.c4
[19.Qc7 Bg4 20.Qxb7 Re3∞]
[19.h3 Nb6]
19...Bg4 20.Ng1 Nf6



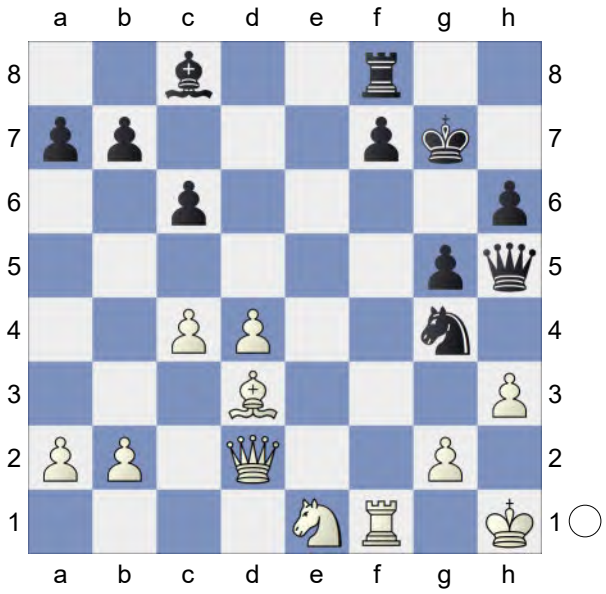
21.h3? Bc8? Both parties are oblivious to their chances and play innacurately.
[21...Re7]
22.Nf3 Ng4
[22...Bg4 23.Ne5 Be2∓ 24.Bxe2!? Qxe2 25.Rae1 Qxb2 26.Rb1 Qxa2 27.Rxb7]
23.Rae1! g5?
[23...Rxe1 24.Nxe1 Re8 25.Nf3∞ *(25.Nc2 Nf6)* 25...Nf6? *(25...Ne3 26.Re1 Bxh3 27.Rxe3; 25...Be6+- 26.Kg1 Nf6 27.Re1)* 26.Ne5 c5]
24.Qd2 Rxe1 25.Nxe1
[25.Rxe1 Nf6 26.Ne5 Re8]
[25.Qxe1
A) 25...Nf6 26.Ne5 *(26.Qe7 Bxh3 27.gxh3 Qxh3+ 28.Nh2 Ng4)* 26...Bxh3 27.Rxf6 *(27.gxh3 Qxh3+∞ 28.Kg1!? Ng4 29.Nf3)*;
B) 25...Be6 26.Kg1 Nf6 27.Ne5 Nd7 28.Rxf7 *(28.Nxd7 Bxd7 29.Qe4 f5)* 28...Rxf7 *(28...Bxf7*

29.Nxd7!; 28...Nxe5 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.dxe5!) 29.Bg6 Qh4 30.Qxh4 gxh4 31.Bxf7+ Bxf7 32.Nxd7 Bxc4]

25...Kg7

[25...Re8 26.Kg1 Ne3 27.Rf3±]

[25...f5 26.Kg1]



26.Kg1 Nf6 27.Qf2 Ne8 28.Qg3!!

This beautiful idea will help to exchange most pieces by force, leaving white in a knight endgame with a spare pawn.

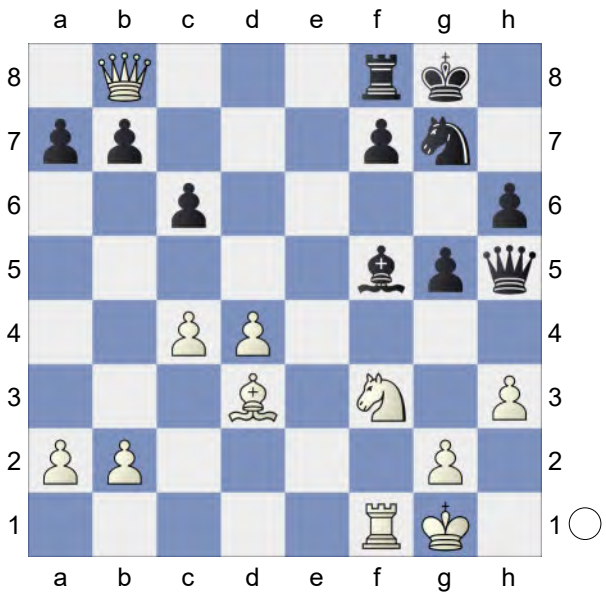
[28.d5+-]

28...Kg8 29.Qb8 Ng7 30.Nf3

[30.Qxa7→ Re8!?∞ 31.Qb8 *(31.Qc5 Bxh3 32.gxh3 Qxh3)* 31...Bxh3!! *(31...Qh4+- 32.Nf3)* 32.Qxb7 Qg4 33.Qxf7+ Kh8 34.Qf8+]

30...Bf5

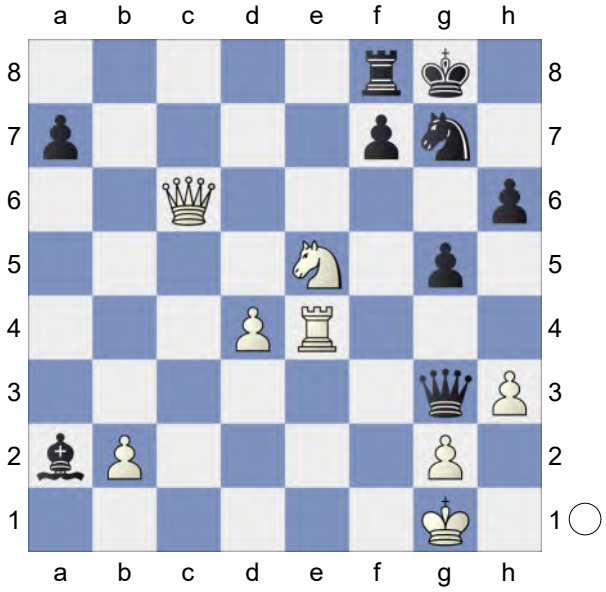
(Diagram)



31.Qxb7 Bxd3 32.Re1 Bxc4 33.Qxc6 Bxa2

[33...Be6 34.Ne5∓ *(34.d5 Bxh3)* 34...Qh4]

34.Ne5 Qh4 35.Re4 Qg3



36.Nd7 Ne6

[36...Rd8!? 37.Nf6+ Kh8∞ 38.Qc2! Nf5 39.Re5 Be6 40.Rxf5∓ Bxf5? 41.Qxf5 Qe3+ 42.Kh1 Qc1+ 43.Kh2-+ Qf4+! 44.Qxf4 gxf4+- 45.d5 Rd6± 46.Nh5? f3+-]

37.Nxf8 Nxf8

[37...Kxf8 38.d5±]

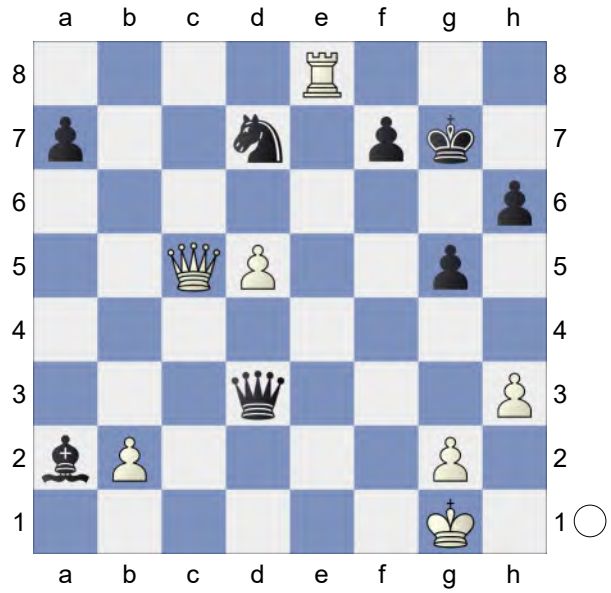
38.d5!

[38.Qxh6 Bd5+- 39.Rg4!? Qe3+ 40.Kh2 Nh7 *(40...Ne6 41.Rh4)* 41.Qd6 Qe6 42.Qxe6± *(42.Qb8++- Kg7 43.Qxa7 Kg6)* 42...Bxe6]

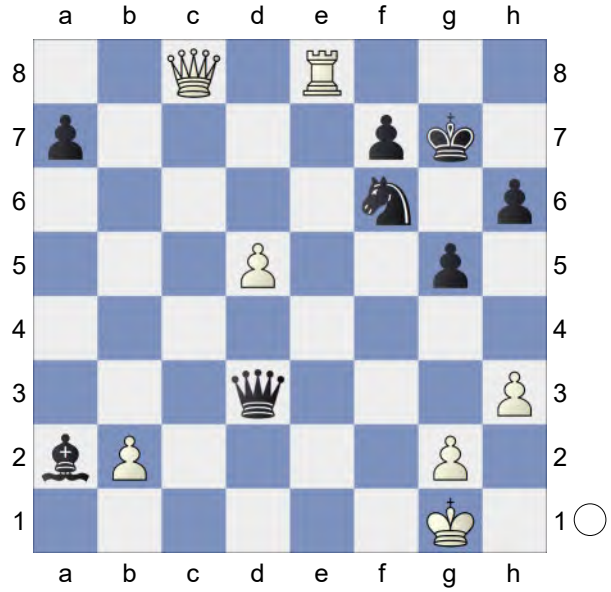
38...Kg7 39.Qc5 Qd3 40.Re8

[40.Qd4+ Qxd4++- 41.Rxd4 Kf6+- 42.Ra4 Bxd5 43.Rxa7+-]

40...Nd7+-



41.Qc8 Nf6+-



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134 **B12**
□ **Garcia Martin,Marta** **2356**
■ **Sivanandan,Bodhana** **2088**
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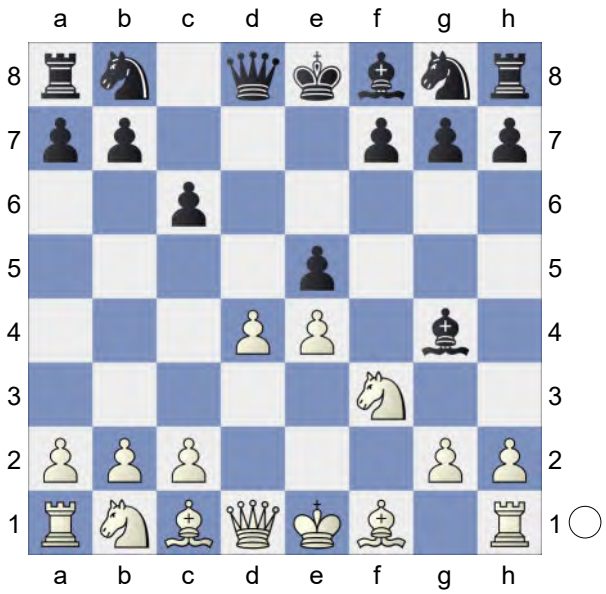
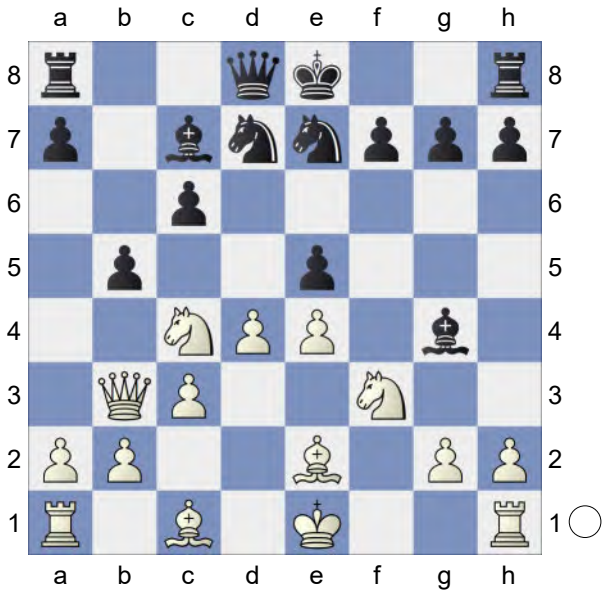
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
In the following game, we will see our recommended variation against 3... dxe4 in action. The game was played at the European Individual Championship in 2023 and featured Dutch Grandmaster Thomas Beerdsen - whom you might remember from the previous Model Game from the Four Knights Sicilian chapter - face a ~2200 rated opponent with the White pieces. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4**



6.c3 Nd7 7.Be2
[7.Bc4 Bh5 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Qe1 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Nbd2 Bg6 *(11...0-0 12.Qh4 Bg6 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.Kh1 b5 15.Bb3 c5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bd5 b4 20.Re3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rb8 22.Nc4 Bf4 23.Ree1 Bg5 24.Qf2 a5 25.h4 Bh6 26.h5* 1-0 (36) Maiko,J (2377)-3. ♘c3 ♘c6 4.d4 d5 5.ed5 î (2070) 71/325 Wijk aan Zee 1998 (1)*)* 12.Bd3 b5 13.a4 Rb8 14.axb5 cxb5 15.c4 bxc4 16.Nxc4 0-0 17.Rc1 Bb4 18.Ncxe5 Bxe1 19.Rxc7 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Ba5 21.Rxa7 Bb6 1-0 (54) Rojas Keim,L (2674)-8.00 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5_61494 (2566) 72/467 Madrid 1998 (3)]
7...Bd6 8.Nbd2 Ne7N
[8...b5 9.a4 a6 10.0-0 Ngf6 11.dxe5 Bxe5 12.Nd4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.N2f3 Re8 15.Bg5 Qc7 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Nxc6 Qc5+ 19.Nd4 Rxe4 20.Qd3 Rae8 21.axb5 Re3 22.Qd1 axb5 23.Ra5 (29) V.E) Model Games: Caro-Kann-Beerdsen,T]
9.Nc4 Bc7 10.Qb3 -0.16/17
[⌓10.Nfxe5 0.24/18 Nxe5 11.dxe5 *(11.Nxe5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Bxe5=)* 11...Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Bxe2+ 13.Kxe2]
10...b5 0.37/21
[10...Bxf3= -0.16/17 11.Bxf3 b5]



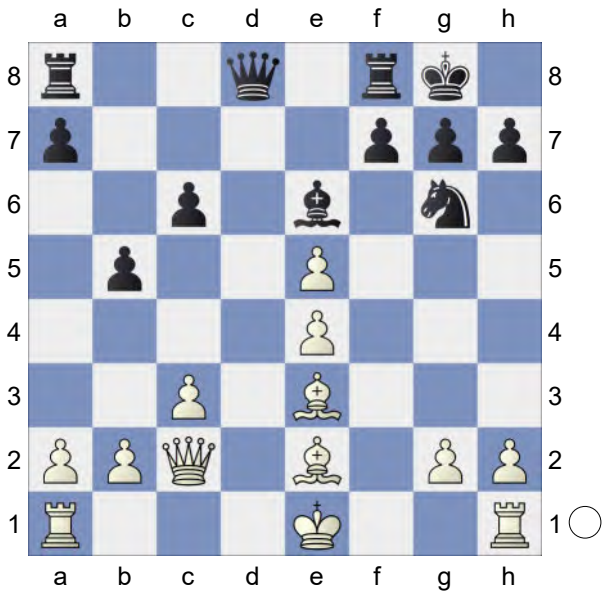
11.Ncxe5±
[11.Ng5 looks sharper. 0-0 12.Bxg4 bxc4 13.Qxc4 exd4 14.cxd4 Nb6

15.Qd3]

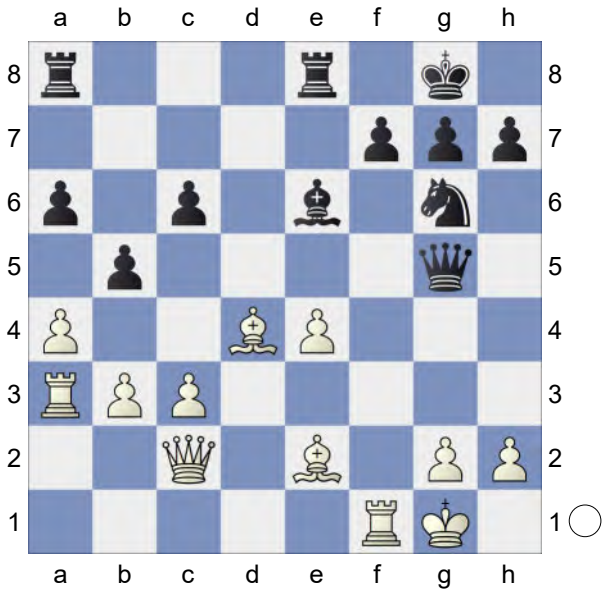
11...Nxe5 12.Nxe5

[12.dxe5 0-0∓]

12...Be6 13.Qc2 Bxe5 14.dxe5 0-0 15.Be3 Ng6



16.0-0 Re8 17.b3 Qc7 18.a4 a6 19.Ra3 Qxe5 20.Bd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **20...Qg5**



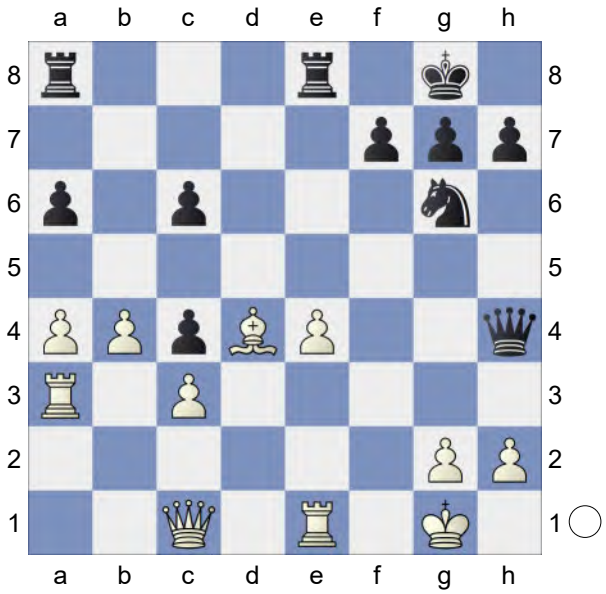
21.Qc1 Qh4

[21...Qe7 simplifies 22.axb5 axb5 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.b4 h6]

22.Re1 Nf4

[22...Qxe4? 23.Bf3 Qh4 24.Bxc6+-]

23.Bf1 Ng6 24.b4 Bc4 25.Bxc4 bxc4



26.Qe3 Rad8 27.Ra2 Re6 28.Rf2 0.48/21

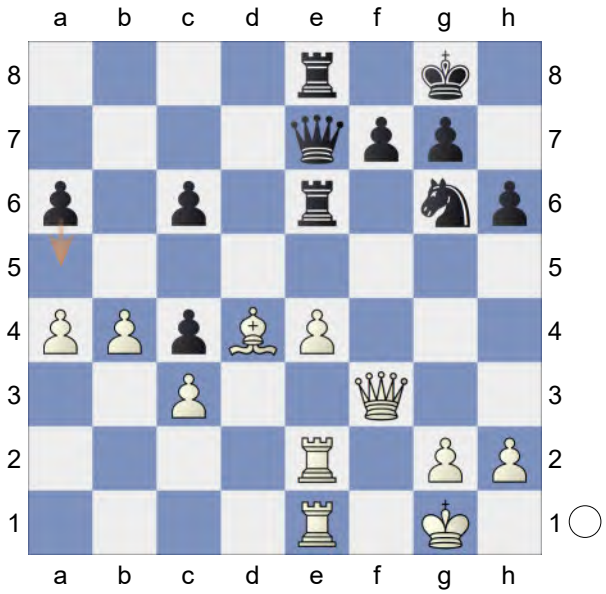
[28.g3= 0.01/20 Qg4 29.Rf2]

28...Rde8 29.Qf3 Qe7 30.Rfe2 -0.28/21 White is more active.

[30.Ref1± 0.70/21]

30...h6

[30...Ne5 feels hotter. 31.Qf5 h6 32.Rb1 Nd3]



31.e5

[31.Rf1 is more complex. Ne5

32.Qh5 Nd3 33.Re3]

31...Qg5 0.30/23

[⌓31...a5! -0.20/21 32.Rf1 *(32.bxa5 c5∓)* 32...axb4 33.cxb4 Qxb4 34.Qxf7+ Kh7]

32.g3 -0.50/23

[Better is 32.Rf1= 0.30/23]

32...Nxe5 -0.01/23

[32...a5!∓ -0.50/23 might be stronger.]

33.Bxe5=

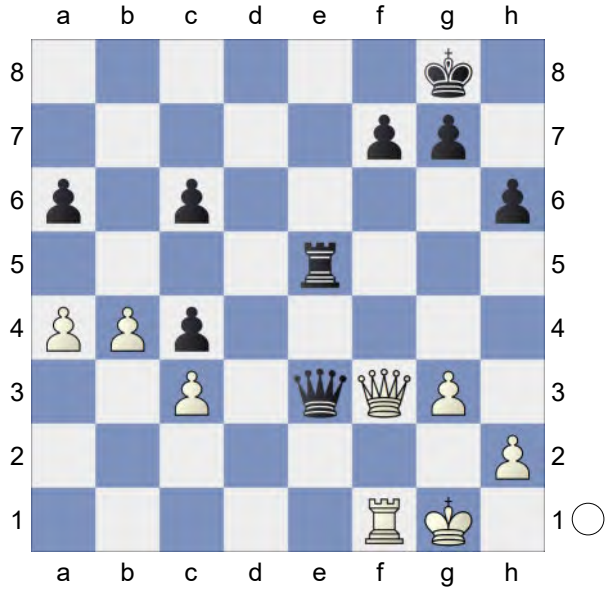
[Don't go for 33.Qe3? Qxe3+ 34.Rxe3 Nf3+ 35.Rxf3 Rxe1+-+]

33...Rxe5 34.Rxe5 Rxe5∓ Endgame. KQR-KQR **35.Rf1** -1.68/22

[35.Rxe5= -0.15/23 and White stays safe. Qxe5 36.Qxc6]

35...Qe3+ -0.61/24

[35...Qg6-+ -1.68/22 36.Qf4 Qe6]



36.Kg2 Qxf3+ 0.15/23

[36...Qd2+∓ -0.86/23 37.Rf2 Qd7]

37.Rxf3∓ KR-KR **37...Re2+ 38.Kh3** -0.61/25

[38.Rf2= -0.01/25 Re3 39.Rf3]

38...Rc2∓ 39.Rf5 Rxc3 Threatens to win with ...Rb3. **40.Rc5 Ra3**

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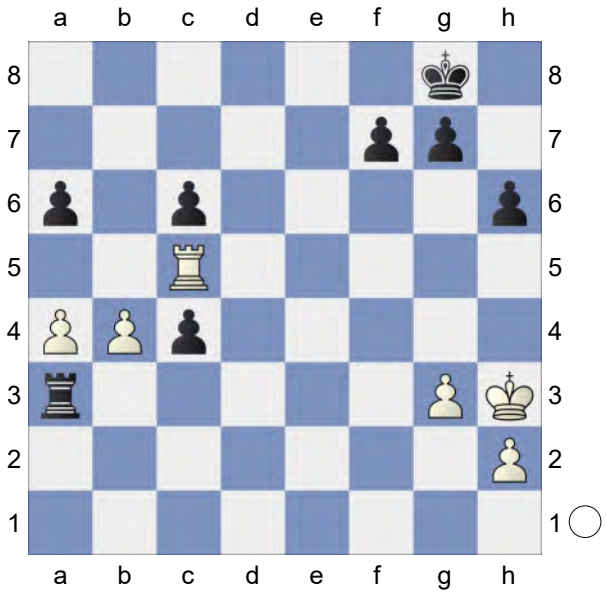
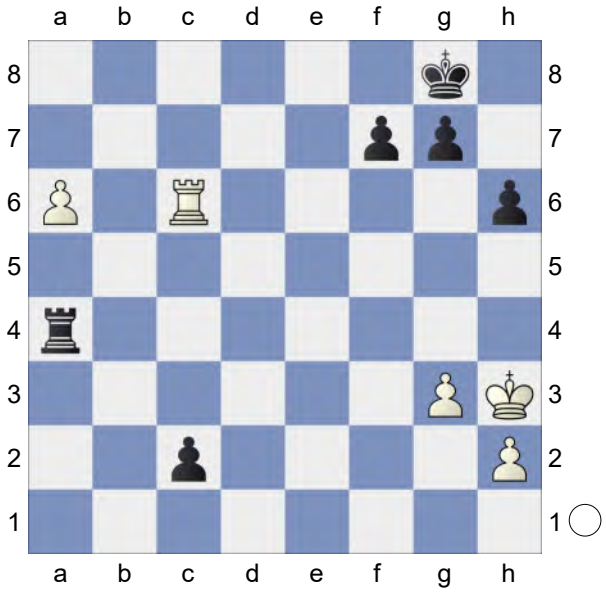


41.a5 c3 42.Rxc6 Rb3 43.Rxa6 Rxb4 44.Rc6 Prevents Rc4 **44...Ra4 45.a6 c2**

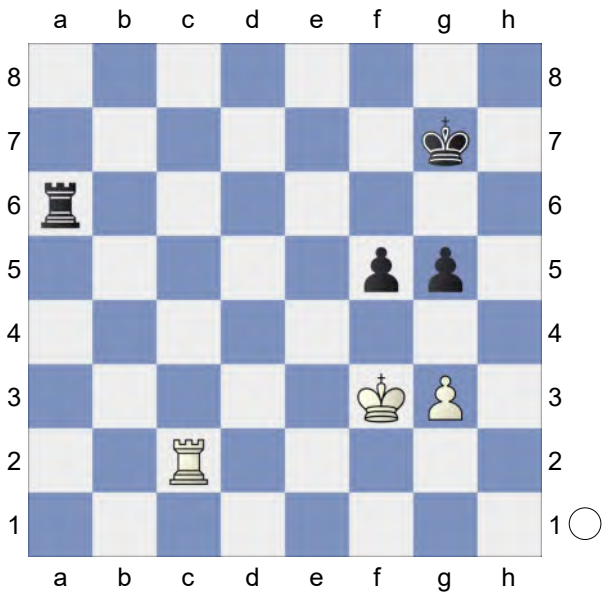


Deflection **46.Rxc2 Rxa6 47.Kg2 g5 48.Kf3 Kg7 49.h4 f5** -0.15/25

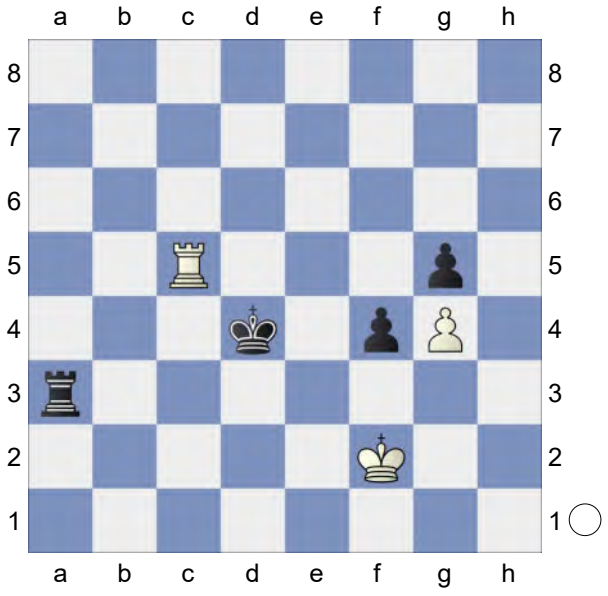
[49...Kg6∓ -0.62/23]

50.hxg5= hxg5

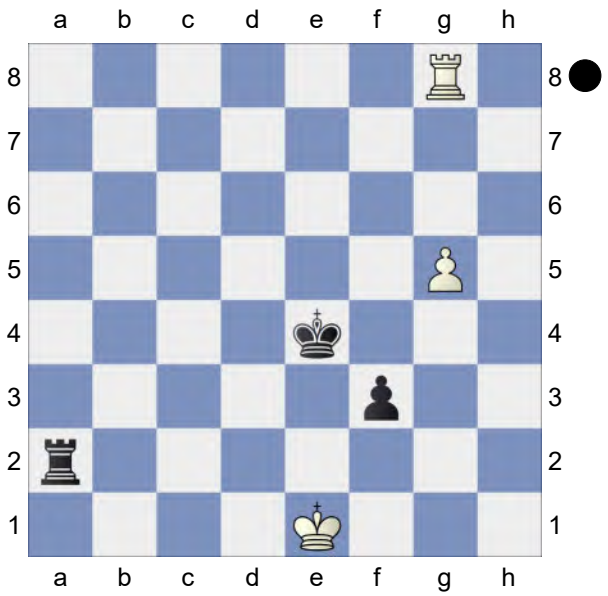
(Diagram)



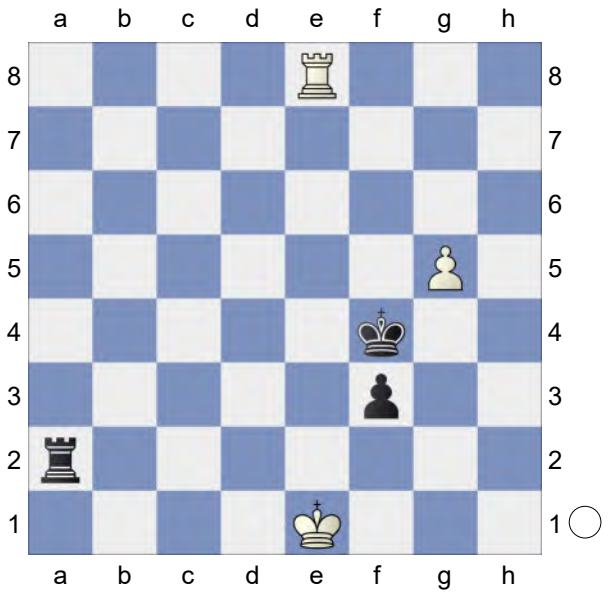
51.g4 Ra3+ Deflection **52.Kf2 f4** aiming for ...Rg3. **53.Rc5 Kf6 54.Rc6+! Ke5 55.Rc5+?** -2.41/32
[55.Rg6= -0.01/33]
55...Kd4? -0.01/27
[Black should try 55...Ke4-+ -2.41/32 And now ...Ra2+ would win. 56.Rc4+ Kd5]



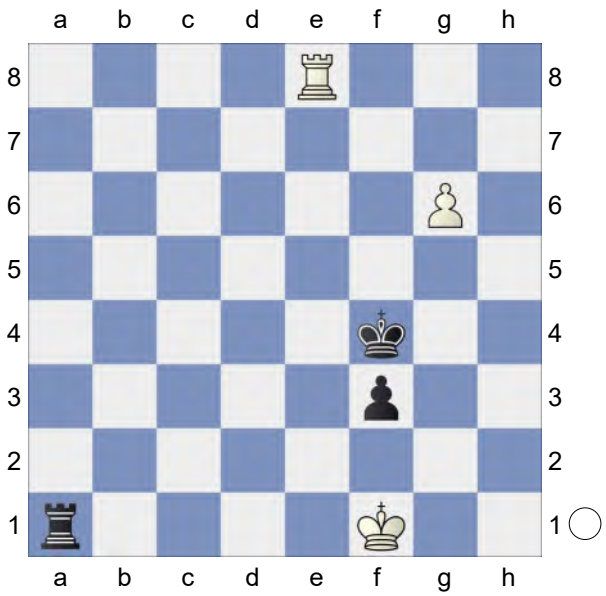
56.Rxg5 Ke4 White must now prevent ... Ra2+. **57.Rg8?** -5.17/28
[57.Rb5= -0.30/27]
57...Ra2+-+ 58.Ke1 f3 59.g5



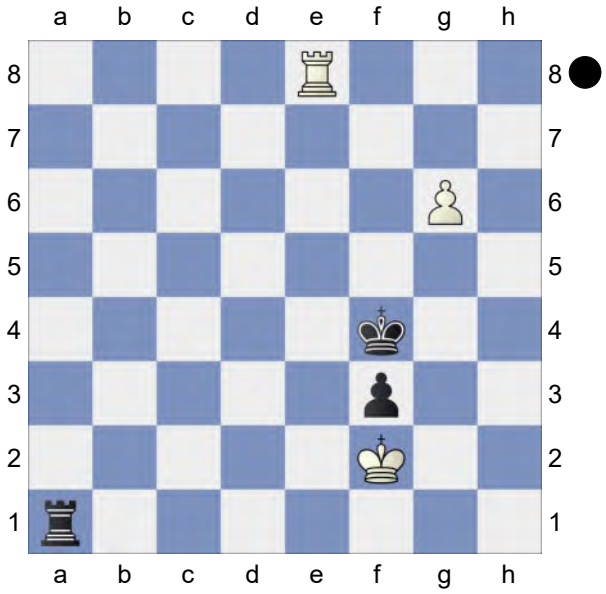
Ke3? -0.01/28
[Black should play 59...f2+!-+ -5.25/26 60.Kf1 Kf3 61.Rf8+ Kg3]
60.Re8+= The position is equal. **60...Kf4**



61.g6 g7 would now be deadly.
61...Ra1+
[61...Kg3!? 62.Rf8□ Re2+ *(62...f2+ 63.Rxf2 Ra1+ 64.Ke2=)* 63.Kd1 Re7=]
62.Kf2 Ra2+ 63.Kf1 Strongly threatening g7. **63...Ra1+ 64.Kf2 Ra2+ 65.Kf1** g7 is the strong threat. **65...Ra1+**
(Diagram)



66.Kf2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.26 (precise)

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135 **B12**
□ **Liu,Xiangyi** **2377**
■ **Sai Han Thiha** **2070**
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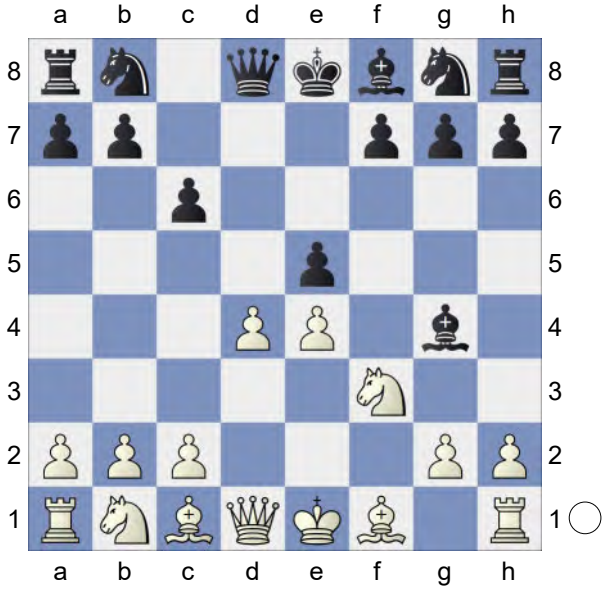
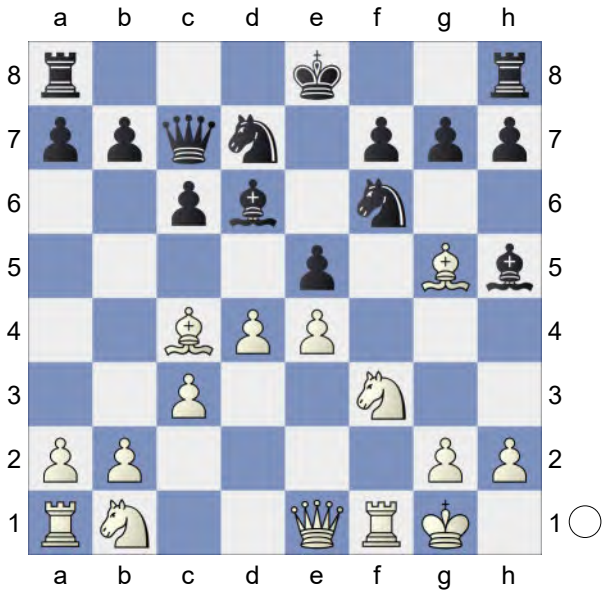
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4

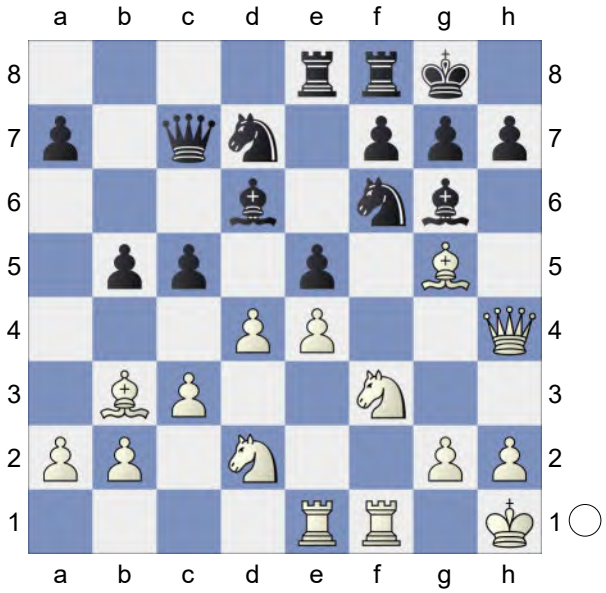


6.c3 Nd7 7.Bc4 Bh5 7...Bd6 deserves study. 7...Ld6 verdient Beachtung. **8.0-0** The position is equal.
[8.dxe5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
8...Ngf6 9.Qe1 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7

(Diagram)

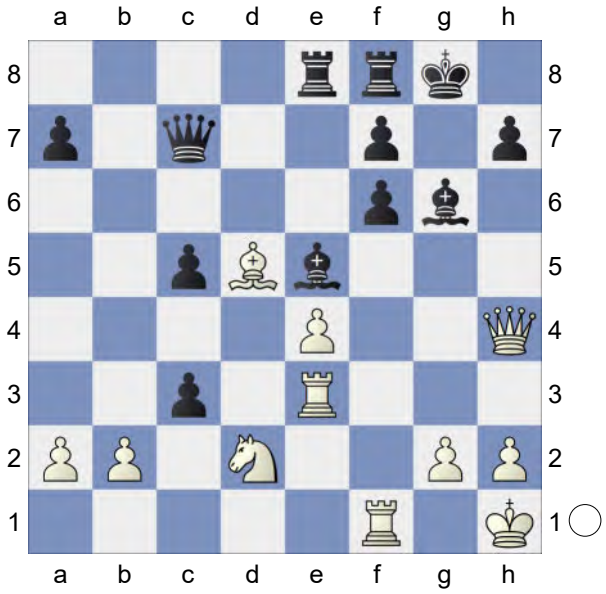


11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Qh4 Bg6 13.Rae1 Rae8 14.Kh1 b5 15.Bb3 c5

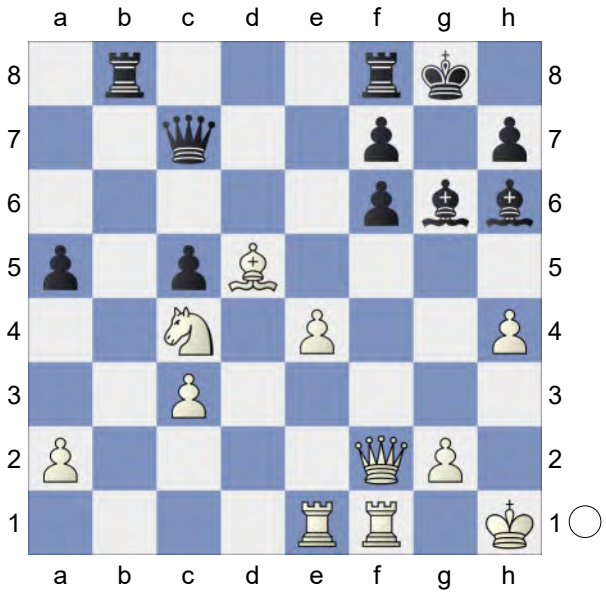


16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxf6 gxf6N
[Predecessor: 17...Nxf3 0.47/19 17...gxf6 0.01 18.Nxf3 Black must now prevent e5! gxf6 19.Qxf6 Be7 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Threatens to win with Nd7. Bh4 1.10/23 (Black should try *21...c4±* 0.53/20 *22.Bd1 Rd8*) 22.Nxg6± hxg6 23.g3 Bg5 1-0 Cabanas Jimenez,M (2108)-Pablos Tenrero,R (1960) Mostoles op 5th 2012 (5)]

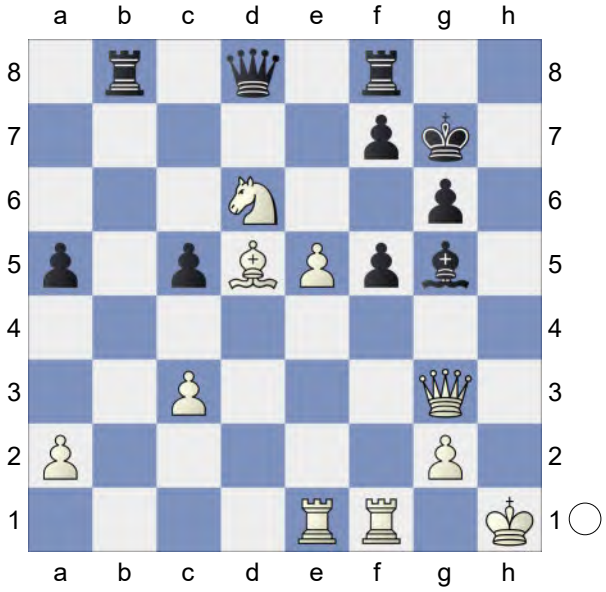
18.Nxe5N
[18.Bd5 Nd3 19.Re3 Nxb2 20.e5 fxe5 *(20...Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Ne4 f5 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Ng4 fxg4 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Rxe5 Qd8 27.Qg5 Qxg5 28.Rxg5 Kg7 29.Rxg4* Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6. Bc4: 6...Nd7 #12*)* 21.Ng5 Kg7 22.Rxf7+ Rxf7 23.Bxf7 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6.Bc4: 6...Nd7 #11]
18...Bxe5 A strong pair of Bishops.
19.Bd5 b4 0.98/21
[19...Kg7= 0.23/18]
20.Re3 Black is weak on the light squares **20...bxc3**



21.bxc3 Rb8 22.Nc4 Bf4 1.66/22
23.Ree1 1.11/23
[23.Qxf4? perishes. Qxf4 24.Kg1 Qc7-+]
[23.Ref3+- 1.66/22 Bg5 24.Qe1]
23...Bg5± 24.Qf2 aiming for h4. White is more active. **24...a5?** 3.90/23 Loses the game.
[24...h5± 1.22/20 25.h4 Deflection Bh6 26.Qxf6 Qg3]
25.h4+- Bh6
(Diagram)

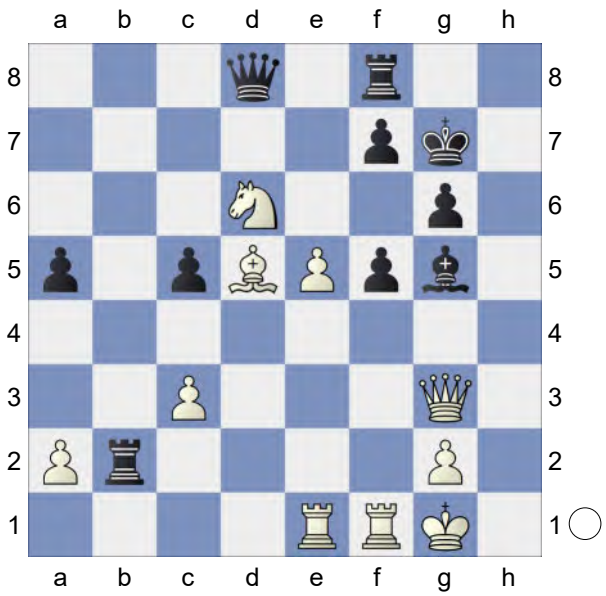


26.h5
[26.Qxf6 Qg3±]
26...Bg5 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.e5 Hoping for Nd6. **28...f5** 5.32/22
[28...Rbd8 3.71/20 was called for. 29.Qf3 f5]
29.Qg3 Qd8 30.Nd6 Kg7



31.Kg1 Rb2 12.66/22
[⌓31...Rb6 5.03/19 32.Bc4 Qe7]

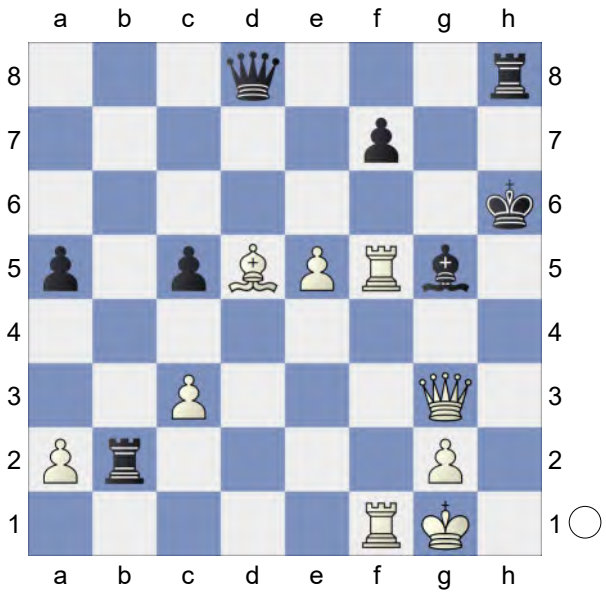
(Diagram)



32.Nxf5+! gxf5

[32...Kh8 33.Qh3+]

33.Rxf5 Kh6 34.Ref1 Rh8



35.Rf6+! Bxf6

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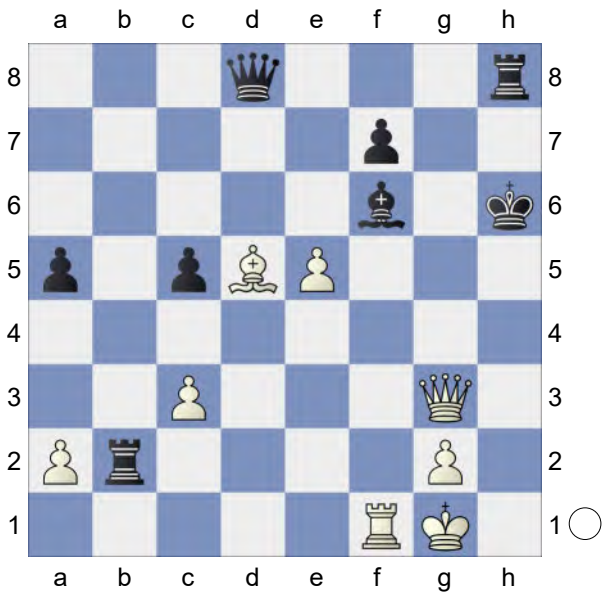
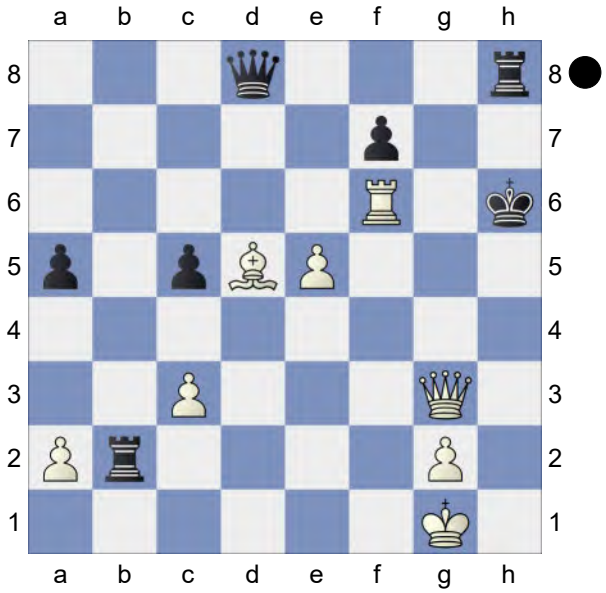


36.Rxf6+



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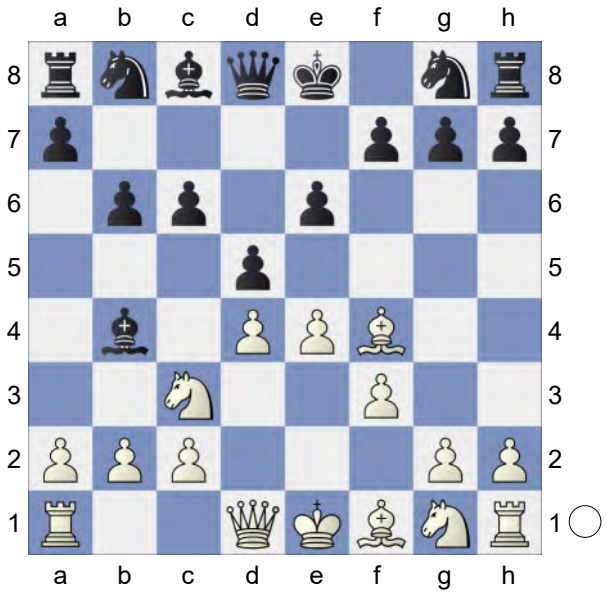
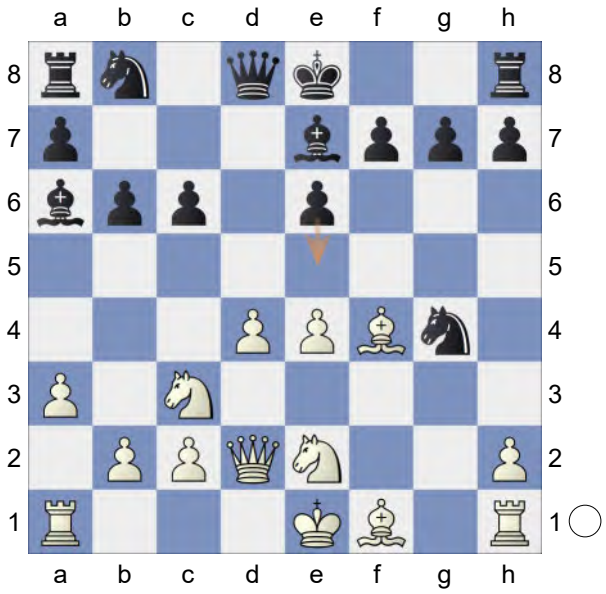
136 **B12**
□ **Robson,Ray** **2466**
■ **Figler,Ilya** **2322**
American Continental 05th (8) 06.11.08
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
RR: 'Inf 91/(72)' Kasparov,Sergey: 'Kasparov,S: 'Inf 100/(57)'' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bf4 b6**
[5...Ne7 6.Qd3 b6 7.Nge2 a5 *(7...Ba6 8.Qe3 Nd7 9.0-0-0 Rc8 10.g4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Bxf1 13.Rhxf1 Re8 14.Bd6 Ra8 15.Rde1 Nf6 16.Bg3 c5 17.Nb5 cxd4 18.Qxd4 dxe4 19.Qf2 Qd5 20.Nc7 Qa2 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Qd4* 0-1 (36) 7 Bc4,1 (2510)-Classical 6...Ne4 (2609) Gistrup 1996 (1.2)*)* 8.0-0-0 Ba6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.h4 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 c5 13.Bd6 Rc8 14.Kb1 Re8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.exd5 exd5 17.Nf4 Morozevich,A (2732)-Vallejo Pons,F (2663) (blindfold) 91/(72) 2004]

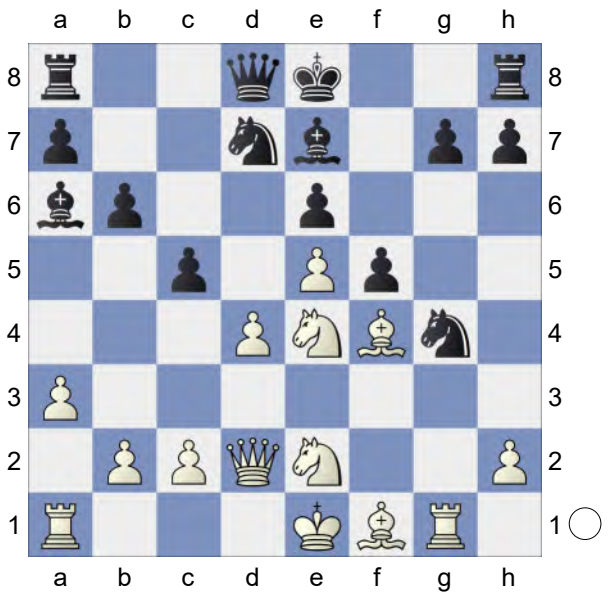


6.Nge2 Ba6 7.Qd2 Nf6N
[7...Ne7 8.0-0-0 Nd7 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Nxc3 Bxf1 11.Rhxf1 0-0 12.Bd6 Re8 13.g4 b5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 Collazo,E (2413)-7.d5 ♘h5 8. ♕d2 ♕h4_5915 (2500) Ding Liren - Gelfand 2015]
8.a3 White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.g4 dxe4 10.fxe4 Nxg4**

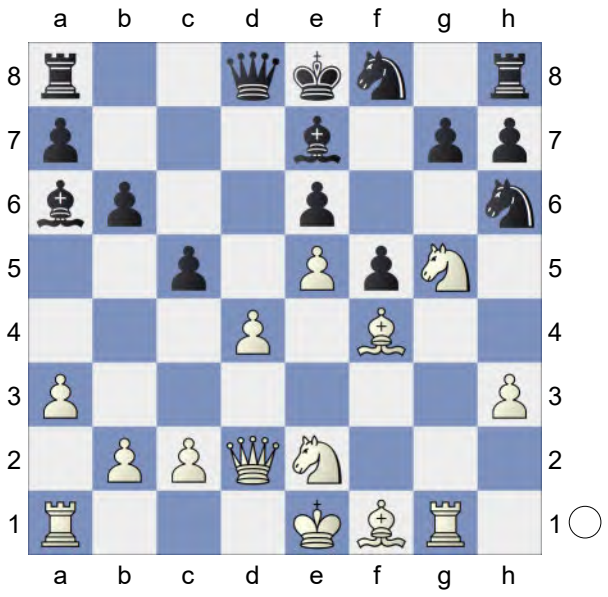


11.e5 Nd7 12.Ne4 0.08/19
[12.Ng3± 0.65/17 Bxf1 13.Rxf1]
12...c5 0.94/19
[12...f5= 0.08/19 keeps the balance. 13.Rg1 Nf8]
13.Rg1± White has strong compensation. **13...f5**

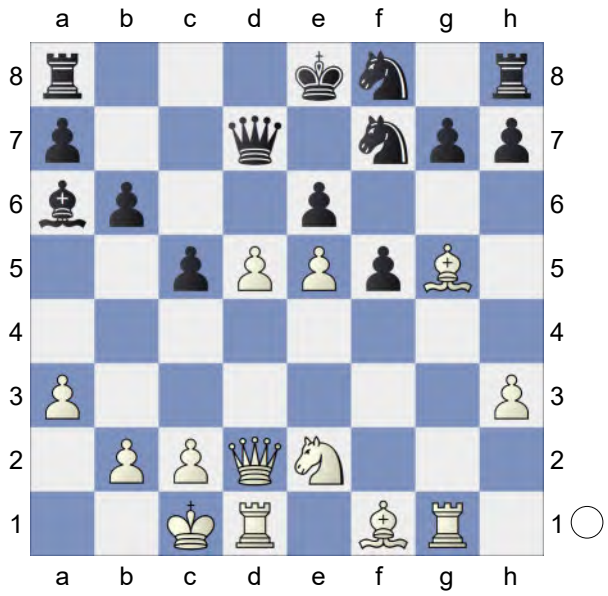
(Diagram)



14.Ng5 0.46/19
[White should try 14.exf6!± 1.11/19 Ngxf6 15.Ng5]
14...Nf8± 15.h3 Nh6



16.0-0-0 Black must now prevent Qe3.
[16.Bg2!? Rc8□ 17.d5±]
16...Qd7 0.90/19
[16...Nf7± 0.32/18]
17.d5 0.12/20
[17.Nxe6± 0.90/19 Nxe6 18.d5]
17...Bxg5? 2.92/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[17...Qxd5= 0.12/20 18.Qe3 *(18.Qxd5 exd5 19.Nc3* Discovered Attack *Bxf1=)* 18...Qa2]
18.Bxg5+-
[18.Rxg5 Rd8±]
18...Nf7



19.Qe3!↑ White is in control.
[19.Nc3 Bxf1 20.Rgxf1 Ng6=]
19...Nxg5 2.53/23
[⌓19...Qc8 1.86/19 20.Bh4 g6]
20.dxe6
[Much less strong is 20.Qxg5?! exd5 21.Nf4 *(21.Qxg7 Qxg7 22.Rxg7 Ne6∓)* 21...Bxf1+-]
[20.Rxg5 0-0-0±]
20...Qxd1+

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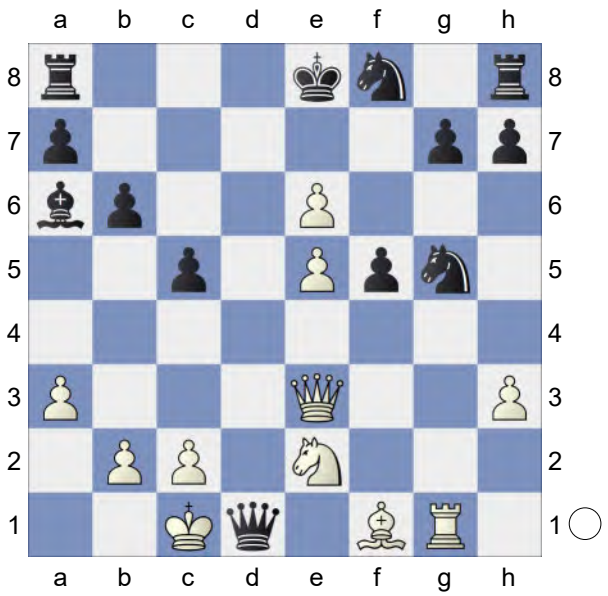
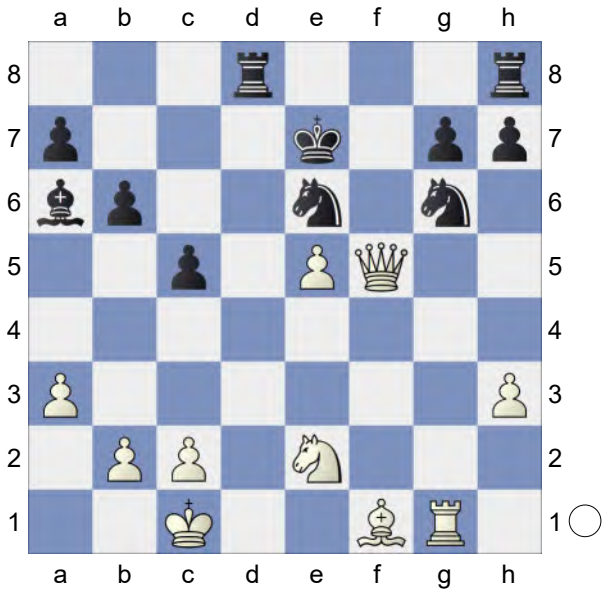


21.Kxd1 Ngxe6

[Of course not 21...Bxe2+ 22.Bxe2 f4 23.Qxf4 Nfxe6 24.Qa4+ Ke7 25.Kc1+-]

22.Qf3 Rd8+ 23.Kc1 Ng6 24.Qxf5 Ke7 4.35/23

[24...Bc8 2.58/21 25.h4 Nd4]



25.Nf4! Discovered Attack **25...Ngxf4**

[25...Nexf4 26.Bxa6]

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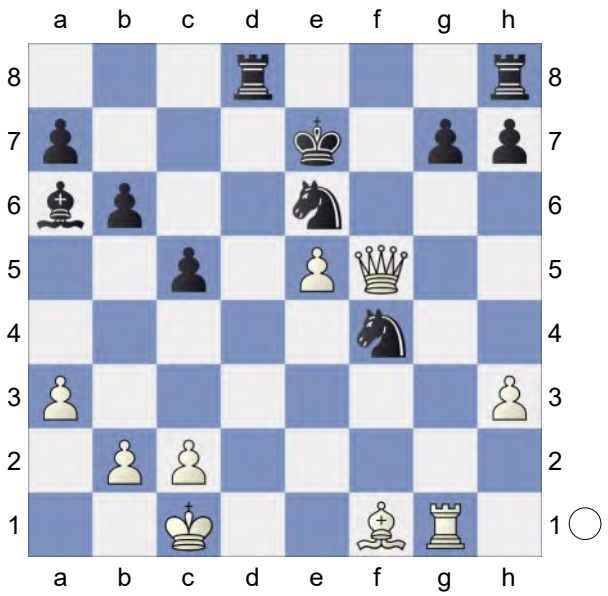
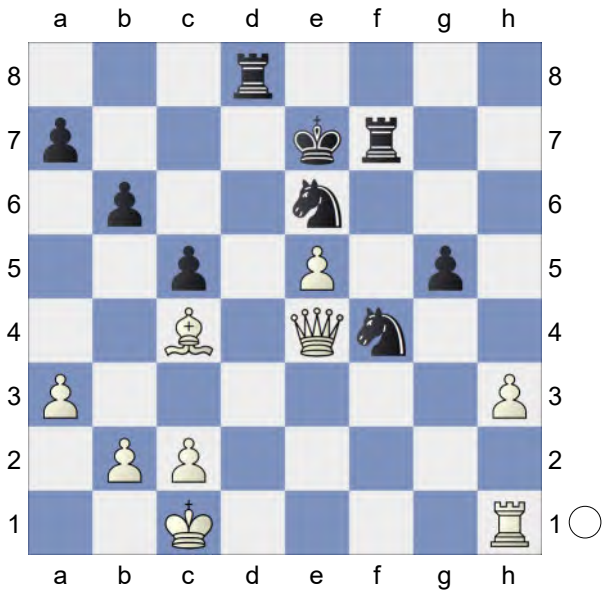


26.Bxa6 And now Rxg7+! would win.

26...Rhf8 27.Qxh7 Rf7 28.Qe4 White is clearly winning. **28...g5 29.Rh1 Nd4 30.Bc4 Nde6**



31.Rd1 Rxd1+ 32.Kxd1 Kf8 33.c3 Kg7 34.Kc2 Rf8 35.Qc6

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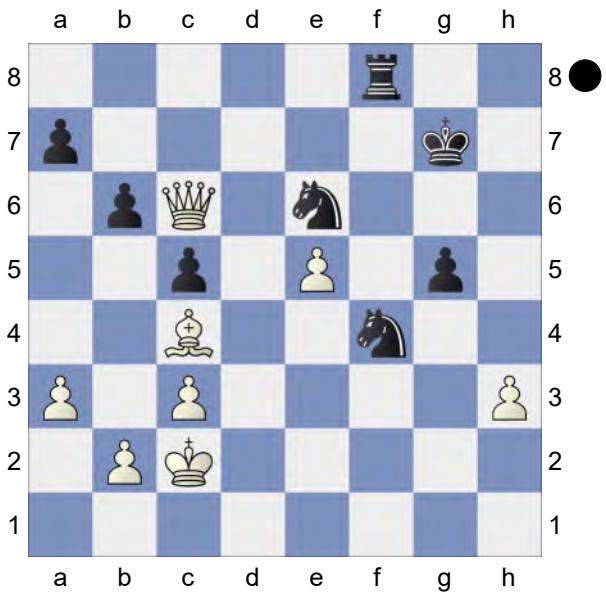

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137 **B12**
□ **Vavra,Pavel** **2393**
■ **Gavrilov,Alexei** **2441**
91/70 Pardubice 2004
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Be3
[4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 dxe4 *(5...h5 6.Qd2 a6 7.0-0-0 e6 8.h4 b5 9.g4 Nd7 10.gxh5 gxh5 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.Rg1 Bf8 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rde1 Ne7 18.Rg5 Qb6 19.Nd1 Kd7 20.Nxh5* 1-0 (29) 13. Qb1 h4 14. Ne3 with 16. e (2247)-J.Hector (2247) corr ML-026 BdF 1999*)* 6.fxe4 e5 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qe7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.Nf3 Ngf6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Qf4 Re8 15.Bh3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qxe5 Rxe5 18.Rd8+ Re8 Helmsen,F (2543)-3. ♘f3 de4 4. ♘e4 ♘f6 5.î (2378) (ol) 46/(167) 1988]
4...Bg7 5.Qd3N
[5.c3 e5 6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.exd5 Nf6 8.dxc6 Qe7 9.cxb7 Bxb7 6) Fantasy Variation With 3..-Fantasy 3...g6 4. Be3 #2]
5...dxe4

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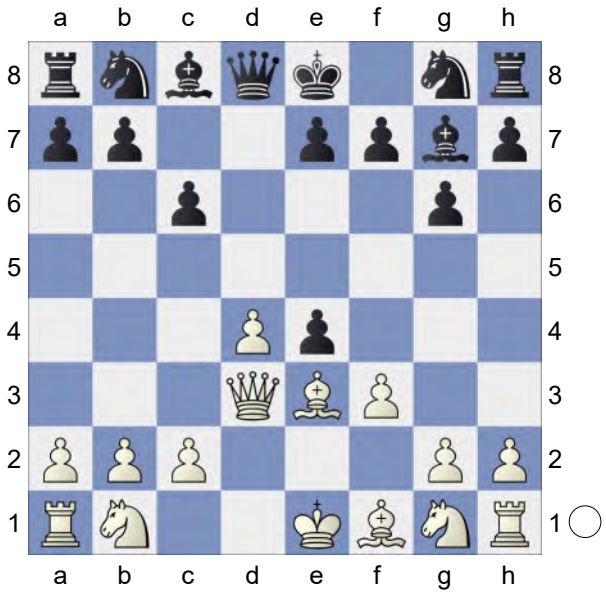
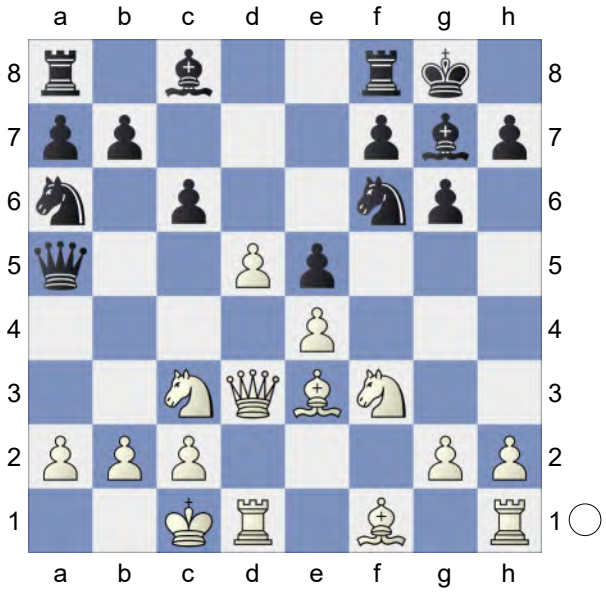


6.fxe4 e5 7.d5 Nf6 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Nf3** -0.87/18
[10.Kb1= -0.01/16 remains equal.]
10...Na6 0.35/19
[10...cxd5∓ -0.87/18 ...d4 would now be deadly. 11.Nxd5 Qxa2 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6]

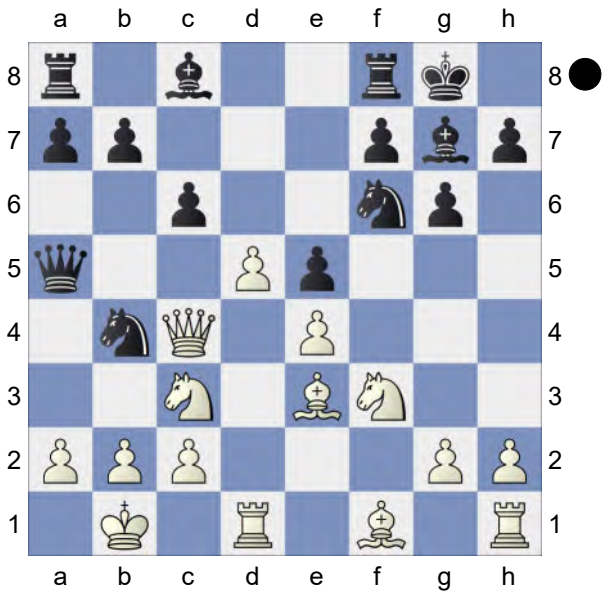


11.Kb1 -0.69/20
[11.Nxe5 Nb4 12.Qc4 Nfxd5 13.Nxf7 *(13.exd5 Bxe5 14.Bd4 Bf4+ 15.Kb1 Bf5∓)* 13...b5-+

(13...Nxe3 14.Nh6+ Discovered Attack (Double Check) *Kh8 15.Qg8+* Deflection *Rxg8 16.Nf7#)*]

[11.a3± 0.35/19]

11...Nb4∓ 12.Qc4



Nxe4 0.16/22 **13.a3**

[13.Qxe4? Bf5 14.Qh4 Bxc2+ 15.Kc1 Bxd1 *(15...Nxa2+ 16.Kxc2 Nxc3 17.bxc3±; 15...cxd5? 16.Rd2-+)* 16.Nxd1 Qa4-+ *(16...cxd5? 17.a3-+; 16...Nxa2+? 17.Kb1-+; 16...Nxd5? 17.Kb1-+)*]

[13.Nxe4 cxd5]

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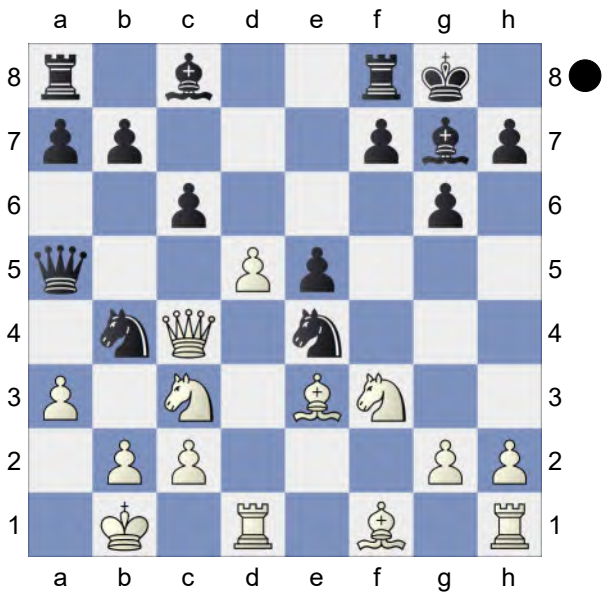
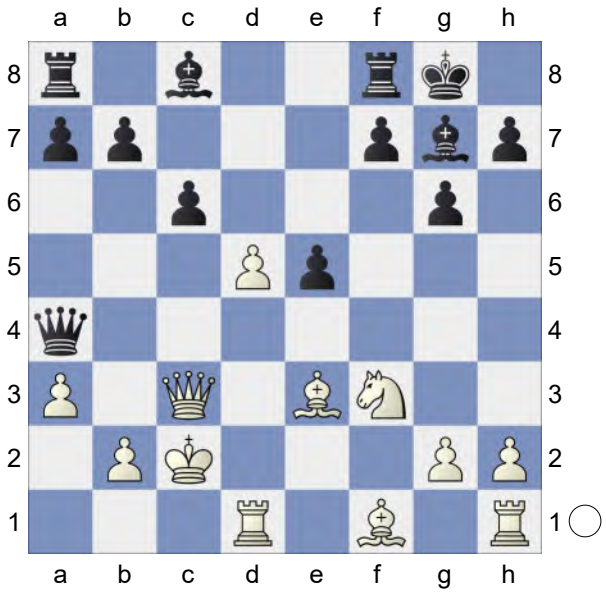


13...Nxc2 14.Kxc2 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 -0.72/20

[15.bxc3= -0.13/22 keeps the balance. e4 *(15...Qxa3 16.Bc5±)* 16.Nd4]

15...Qa4+∓



16.Kc1 aiming for dxc6. **16...cxd5 17.Rxd5**

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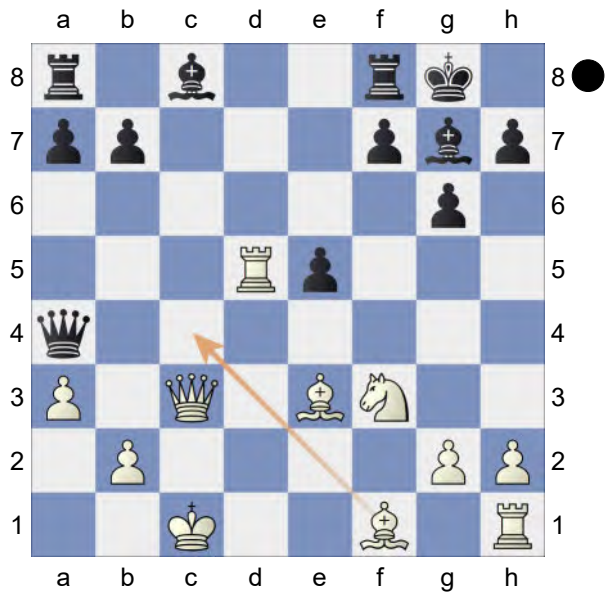

Bf5! 18.Ra5
[18.Nxe5? Rfc8 *(18...Qe4? 19.Qd3-+)* 19.Bc5 Rxc5 20.Qxc5 Bh6+ *(20...Rc8 21.Qxc8+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Bxc8 22.Rd8+ Bf8 23.Rxc8∓)* 21.Rd2 Rc8-+ *(21...Bxd2+? 22.Kxd2 Rd8+ 23.Ke2-+; 21...Bxd2+ 22.Kxd2 Rd8+ 23.Nd3-+)*]
18...Qg4 19.Rc5
[19.Nxe5? Qe4-+]
[19.Rxa7? Rac8 20.Nd2 Rxc3+ 21.bxc3 Rc8-+]
19...Rac8 20.Qb4 -3.77/24 Loses the game.
[20.Nxe5? Qe4 21.Kd1 Rxc5 22.Qxc5 Bxe5-+ *(22...Qxe5? 23.Qxe5 Rd8+ 24.Ke1-+)*]
[20.Kd2∓ -1.28/20 was called for.]
20...Rxc5+

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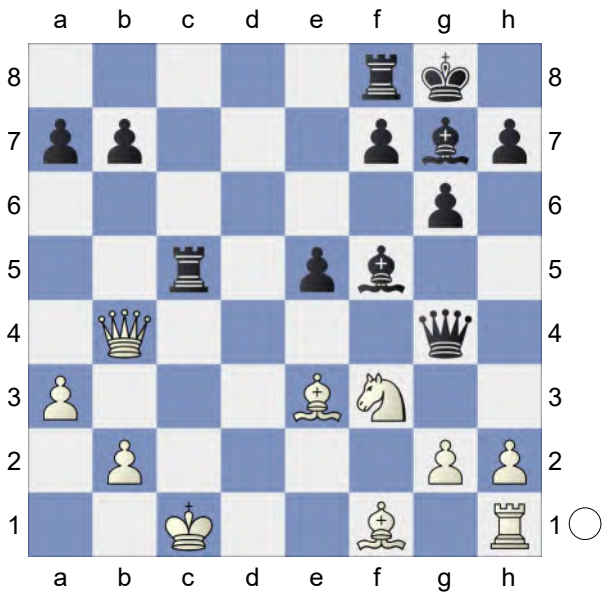
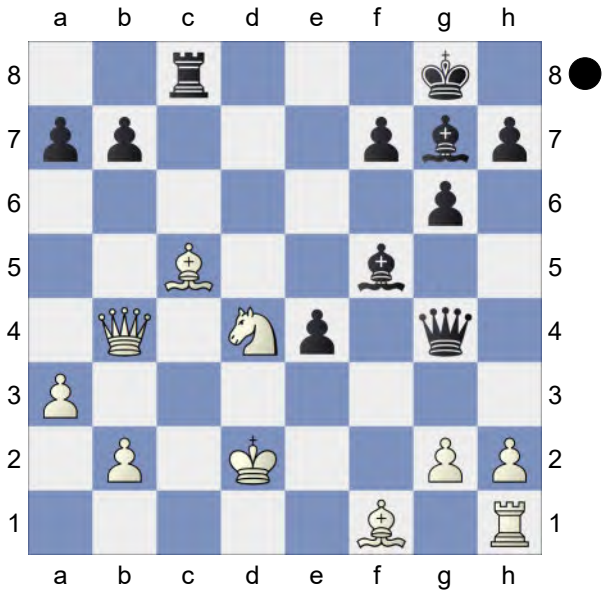
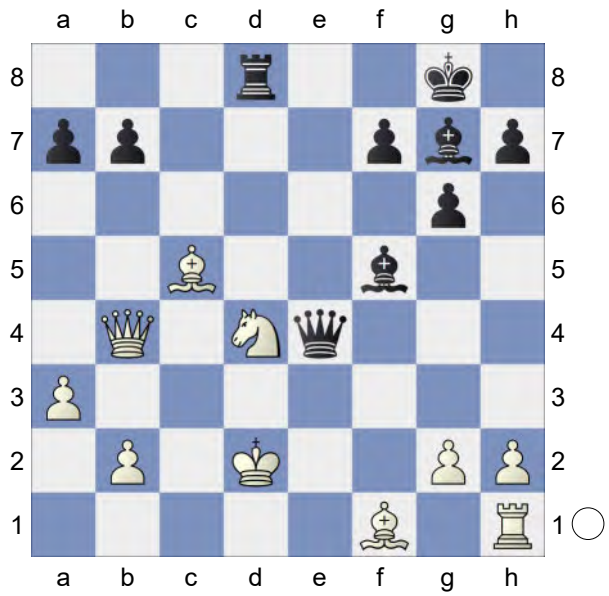


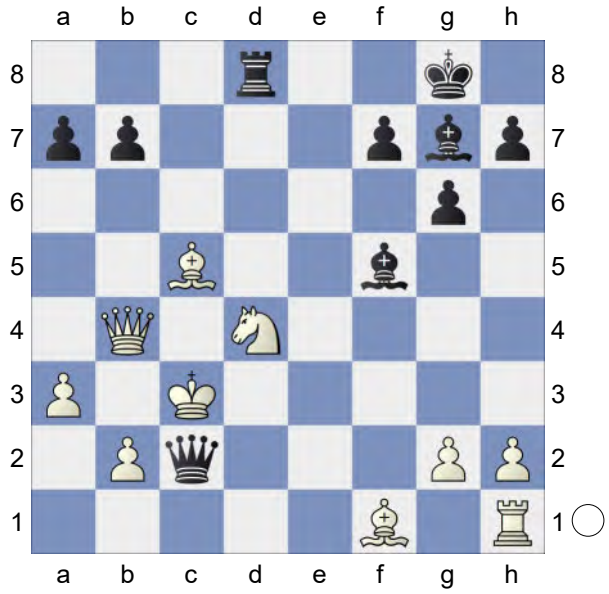
21.Bxc5 Rc8
[21...Bh6+ 22.Kd1 *(22.Nd2? Rd8-+)* 22...Rc8 *(22...Rd8+ 23.Ke1=)* 23.Qxg4 *(23.Bxa7? Be4-+)* 23...Bxg4 24.Bxa7∓]
22.Kd2 -4.18/21
[⌓22.Qxg4 -2.94/20 Bxg4 23.b4]
22...e4-+ 23.Nd4 -7.30/23
[⌓23.Be3 -4.11/19 a5 *(23...exf3? 24.Qxg4 Bxg4 25.gxf3-+)* 24.Qa4]



23...e3+! Decoy **24.Kxe3 Qe4+ 25.Kd2 Rd8**



26.Kc3 Qc2#



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138 **B12**
□ **Tanmay,Srinath**
■ **Sladek,Vaclav**
W-ch WS/O/1200 email 23.01.2020
[Srinath,Tanmay]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
Again another game from my first tournament, but one that I am most pleased with. This was the event where I used my OTB repertoire to play, and my smooth win against the Caro Kann proved to be one of the most important ones I would get in this event. 5.5/6 - that's a good way to start a correspondence chess career! **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3!?** The Tartakower-Morozevich variation. Also called Fantasy, it is named so because White both wants to occupy the center and keep it at all costs! While it wasn't considered one of the most serious tries for an advantage, I think my game will change this assessment! **3...dxe4 4.fxe4 e5** Considered one of the most critical tests against the Fantasy - Black wants to attack the center as soon as possible. The problem is that modern engines have managed to find an advantage for White here based on energetic play! **5.Nf3! Bg4**
[5...exd4 6.Bc4± is known to be good for White.]

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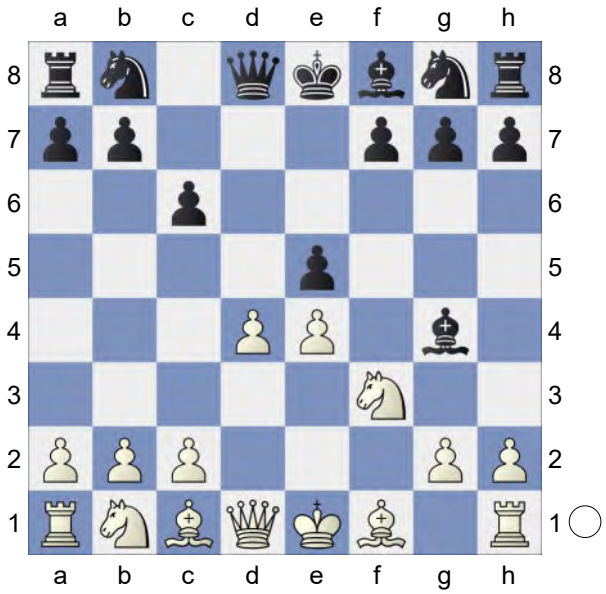

6.Bc4 Nd7! The only move, but of course in correspondence it is hard not to expect this.
[6...exd4 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Ne5+ Ke6 1.96/18 *(8...Ke7± 0.77/18 9.Nxg4 h5)* 9.Nxg4+- 1.12/16 is an example of a Caro gone wrong! *(9.Qxg4++- 1.96/18 Ke7 10.0-0)*]
7.c3! The best scoring move, and one that might just bring the Fantasy back into business.
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
7...Bh5!? This was a bit unexpected. But good news for me, as now White can fight for an advantage.
[7...Bd6! 8.Qb3!? Might just be best here. *(8.0-0* aiming for Bxf7+! *Ngf6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Qe7* L'Ami covers this line till here, and after *12.Nbd2 0-0-0* I do agree with his assessment that Black has a practically easy position to play, though in correspondence after *13.h3!?∞* I just might be inclined to take White as the position still remains utterly chaotic.*)* 8...Qe7! is the recommendation of Erwin L'Ami in his monumental work on Chessable

(which every 1.e4 player should buy as he has literally destroyed Fischer's Best by Test!). I for one don't know how to get an advantage here, but I think that after 9.Bg5 Ngf6 With the idea ...exd4. 10.Nbd2∞ White can't be too sad with his position - he has a complex fight ahead to look forward to.]

8.0-0

[8.dxe5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]

8...Ngf6 9.Bg5 The position is equal.

[9.Qe1 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Nbd2 Bg6 12.Bd3 b5 13.a4 Rb8 14.axb5 cxb5 15.c4 bxc4 16.Nxc4 0-0 17.Rc1 Bb4 18.Ncxe5 Bxe1 19.Rxc7 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Ba5 21.Rxa7 Bb6 22.Ra4 Bxe4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 1-0 (54) Rojas Keim,L (2674)-8.00 d5 9.ed5 ♘d5_61494 (2566) 72/467 Madrid 1998 (3)]

9...Bd6 We reach a traditional Fantasy style position where Black has insufficient play for allowing the strong center. White is definitely slightly better here.

[9...Qc7 10.Qb3 b5 11.Bd3 Bd6 12.Nbd2 h6 13.Bh4 a6 14.a4 0-0 15.Bg3 Bg6 16.Rae1 Rfe8 17.Kh1 Rab8 18.Qa2 c5 19.Nh4 Bh7 20.axb5 axb5 21.d5 c4 22.Bc2 Nc5 23.Rxf6 gxf6 24.Rf1 1-0 (50) 12.b4 ♔h8 13. ♕c2_11486 (2337)-Samani,Y (2302) 94/132 San Luis 2005 (2)]

10.Nbd2 0-0

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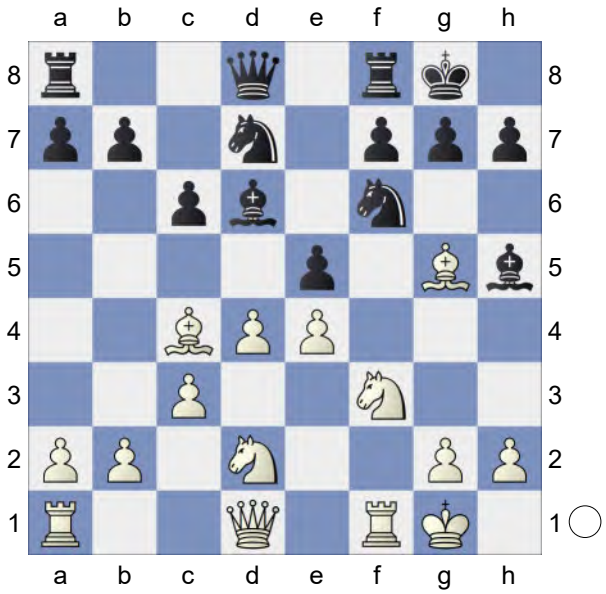


11.a4N Fat Fritz has won me numerous games on correspondence, but this game will be the sweetest for a long time. This was it's invention.

[11.Qe1 Qc7 is another way to play, but I find the text to be stronger. *(11...Re8 12.Qh4 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 exd4 14.cxd4 Qb6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rxf6 Be7 17.Bxf7+ Kh8* Paschmann,S (1697)-Carlsten,P (2485) Snekkersten 1981*)* 12.Kh1 Rae8 13.Nh4 Caro Kann Fantasy Dx-3...dxe4 / 6.Bc4: 6...Nd7]

11...Qc7 12.Kh1 Another useful move to make. **12...h6 13.Bh4 a6?!** A positional mistake. This shows a lack of understanding about basic pawn structures.

[13...Rae8 Might have been more precise.]

14.a5!± Until now I had just a pleasant position, but now I have a real tangible edge. **14...Rae8** The best move. The alternatives were not pleasing.

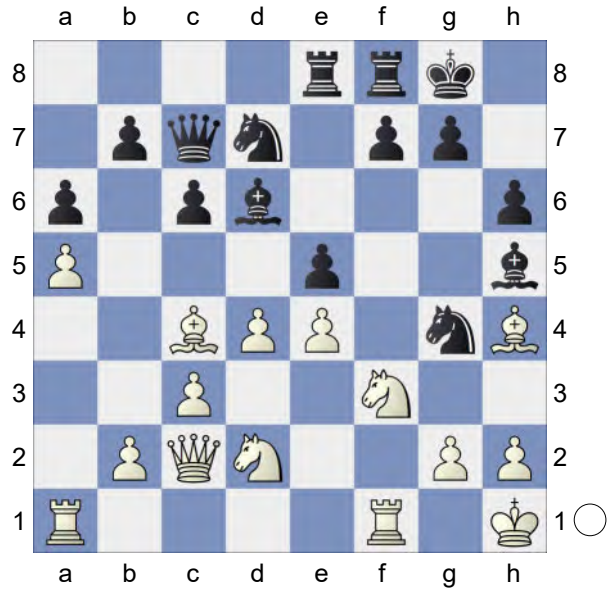
[14...Bg6 15.Bd3± is not fun for Black.]

[14...g5 0.46/20 14...Rae8 -0.01 15.Bf2 0.03/19 *(15.Bg3!± 0.46/20)*

15...Rae8 16.Qc2 -0.30/18 *(16.Qb1 0.11/19 deserves consideration.)* 16...Bg6 0.43/20 *(16...c5= -0.30/18)* 17.Bd3± c5 18.d5± doesn't seem fun for Black at all.]

[14...exd4 0.70/21 14...Rfe8 0.20 15.cxd4 Bb4 16.Bg3! Qd8 17.Qb3± and White begins to take over the game.]

15.Qc2 Ng4



16.Rfe1 Wards off Ne3Bringing the rook off the semi open f-file, is best is simple - White can't drop the a5 pawn. Black's next move is a mistake, but it is hard to suggest an alternative. **16...exd4?** A faulty 'combination' - Black goes after pawns but gets suffocated. **17.cxd4** h3 is the strong threat. **17...Bg6**

[17...Bxh2 18.e5 Bxe5 *(18...Bf4 19.Qf5±)* 19.Nxe5 *(19.dxe5 Ndxe5 20.Nxe5 Rxe5±)* 19...Ndxe5 20.dxe5+-]

[17...Nxh2 18.Nxh2 Bxh2 19.e5 Nxe5 20.dxe5]

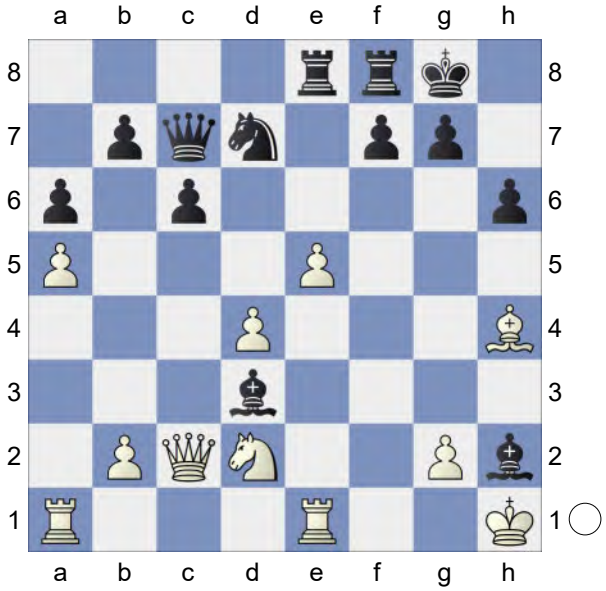
18.Bd3! White sacrifices a pawn, but his perfect co-ordination soon ensures that Black will be under the ropes for a long time. **18...Nxh2**

[18...Bxh2 19.e5 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Bxe5 *(20...Bf4 21.Nc4±)* 21.dxe5± *(21.Nxe5 Ndxe5 22.dxe5 Rxe5±)*]

19.Nxh2 Bxh2 20.e5! The point - Black is going to struggle to untangle his bishop. His next proved to be the decisive mistake. **20...Bxd3** 0.67/22 Natural, but totally wrong. Black had to give back the pawn immediately to struggle on.

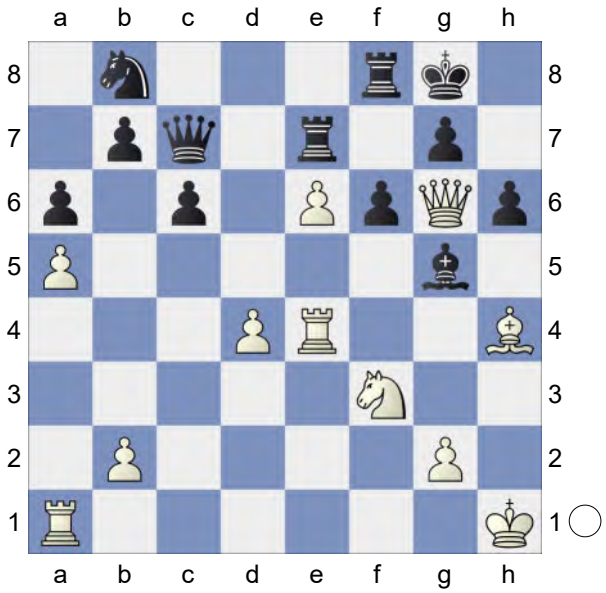
[I remember the comps pointing out that this move 20...Bf4!? gave Black maximum chances to hold. Now however, after 21.Bxg6 fxg6 22.Nc4± I'm not so sure Black will hold this, but this was at least worth a shot, as in the game he loses almost by force.]

[20...Bf4= 0.18/24]



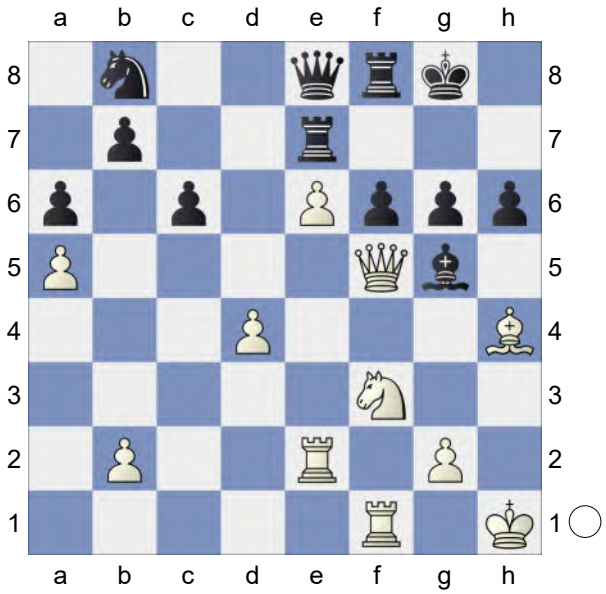
21.Qxd3 Bf4 22.Nf3! Black must now prevent Qf5. White has compensation. **22...f6** A funny story here. I had set up one of my favourite engines Komodo MCTS on here. It took a long time, but Komodo's eval started rising ever so slowly till it reached a max of around 0.8. I burst out laughing at this point, as I

realised that Black's position after
[22...Re6 23.Qf5!+- is disaster for Black. *(23.Re4!? g5 24.Be1±)*]
23.e6↑ White is really pushing. Is just not saveable, as if Komodo MCTS gives 0.8, it basically means that the game is over! **23...Nb8** The only move not to lose immediately, but after **24.Qg6 Re7 25.Re4! Bg5**

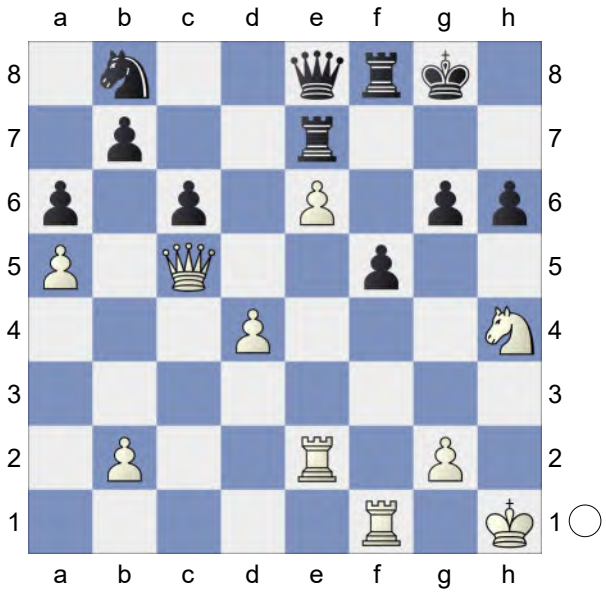


26.Rf1!+- Bxg5 would now be deadly. that Black is in what they call a middlegame zugzwang - he can't move a single piece without losing the house! **26...Qc8 27.Re2** 0.09/20 The next few moves are best for both sides so I will proceed without comment. Basically White aims to make useful moves to force Black into giving up a piece with Nd7.
[27.Rfe1± 0.92/23]
27...Qe8 1.31/24 Black is now going downhill.
[27...Rxe6? 28.Rxe6 *(28.Nxg5? hxg5 29.Rxe6 Qxe6-+)* 28...Qxe6 29.Bxg5+-]
[27...Bf4!= 0.09/20 keeps the balance.]
28.Qf5± White is much more active.

28...g6

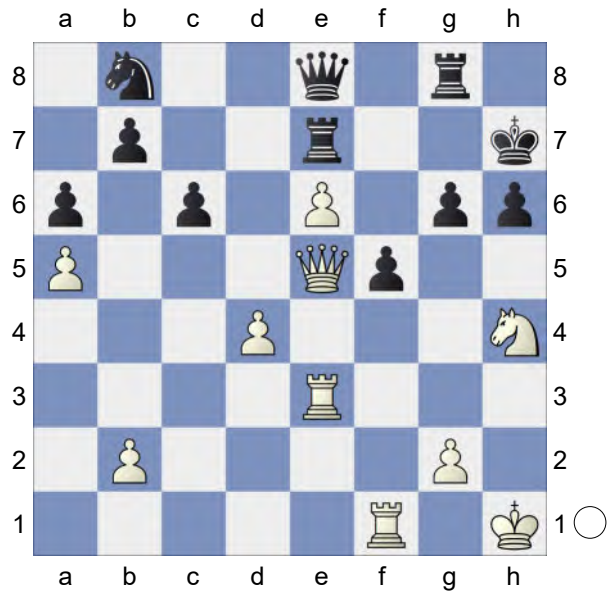


Deflection **29.Qc5 Bxh4** 1.53/21
[29...Rxe6? 30.Qc4 Qd8 31.Rxe6+- *(31.Qxe6+ Kg7+-)*]
[⌓29...Kg7 1.04/24]
30.Nxh4 f5 2.08/23
[30...Kg7± 1.16/23 31.Qd6 Kh7]



Black is weak on the dark squares
31.Qe5+-
[31.Nxg6 Qxg6 32.Qxe7 Qh5+ 33.Kg1 Qxe2=]
31...Kh7 32.Re3 Rg8 3.47/22

[⌓32...f4 2.05/22 33.Re4 *(33.Rxf4 Rxf4 34.Qxf4 Rxe6+-)* 33...g5]



33.g4! A lovely shot, showing just how pathetic Black's position is. **33...fxg4**
[33...Nd7 34.exd7]
34.Rf6! Another powerful move. White is two pawns down but Black is dead lost due to the abject disarray of his army.
34...Rgg7 Hoping for ...Nd7.
[34...c5 is refuted rather beautifully! 35.Nf5!! Tal, are you watching this? gxf5 36.Qxf5+ Rg6 And now ...Kg7 would win. 37.Re4 Kg7 9.37/25 Inhibits Rf7+. *(⌓37...Nc6* 4.93/25 *)* 38.Rxg6++- Qxg6 39.Rxg4+- and White mops up the mess.]
35.Qf4! Qd8

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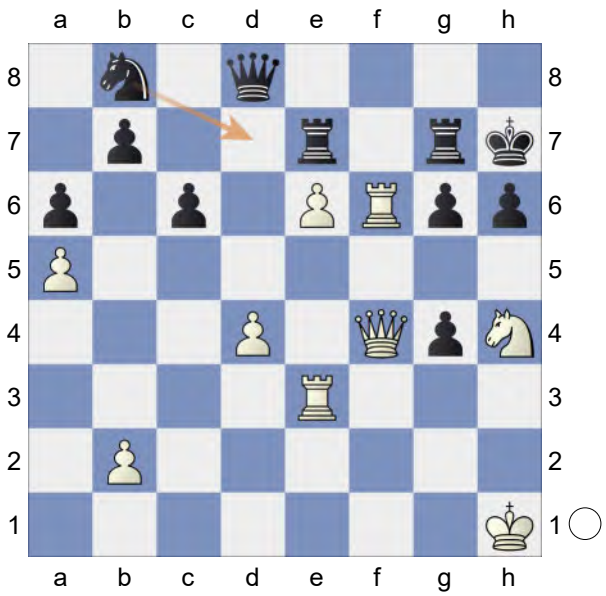

36.Re5! Black has no more moves left, so he has to give up the piece now. However, after
[36.Qxg4 Qd5+ 37.Ref3 h5±]
36...Nd7 37.exd7 White wants to mate with Nxg6! **37...Rxe5 38.dxe5** Threatening mate with Nxg6!
[38.Qxe5 Qxd7 39.Kh2 Re7+-]
38...Qxd7 39.Rd6 Qe7 40.Qf6 We can understand that Black's king is still horribly weak, and the passed e-pawn will win the game!
[40.Qxg4 Qxe5 41.Rxg6 Qe1+ 42.Kg2 Qd2+ 43.Kh3 Qd3+ 44.Qg3 Qxg3+ 45.Rxg3 Rd7±]
40...Qf7 7.57/24
[⌓40...Qxf6 4.72/22 41.Rxf6 *(41.exf6 Rf7+-)* 41...c5]

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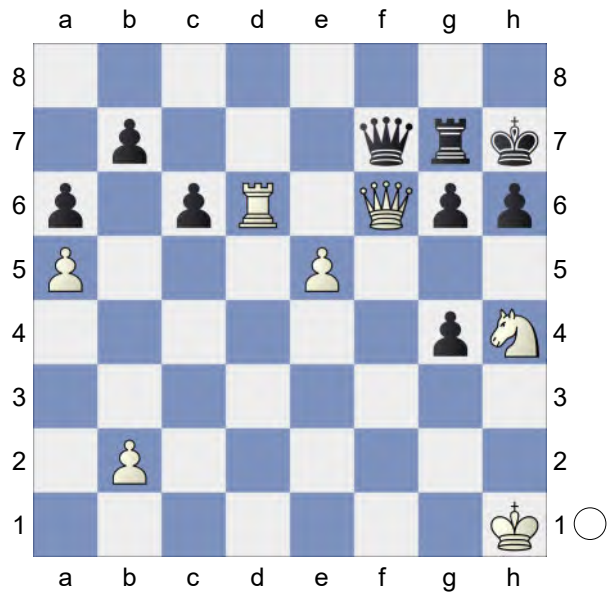

41.Nf5! Another Nf5 jump, this time for decisive exchanging sequence. **41...Qxf6**

[41...gxf5 42.Qxh6+ Kg8 43.Rd8+ The point. Qf8 44.Rxf8+ Kxf8 45.e6+- is forced mate, but we don't bother ourselves with that now do we?]

[41...gxf5? 42.Qxh6+ Kg8 43.Rd8+]

42.exf6 Endgame. KRN-KR **42...Rf7 43.Ne3 h5** Desperation, but now with the comps I chart out a super accurate win!

[43...Rf8 44.Nxg4 Re8 45.Rd7+ Kh8 46.Re7+- I can't find anything good about Black's position here.]

44.Nc4 Rf8 45.Ne5 Zugzwang 1. **45...h4**

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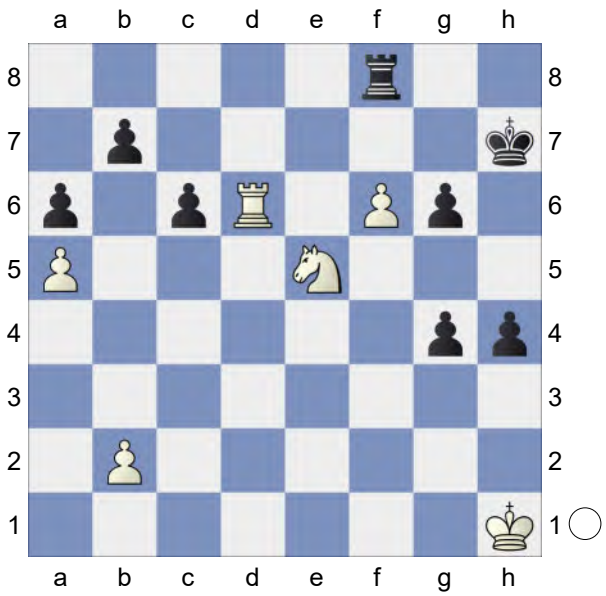
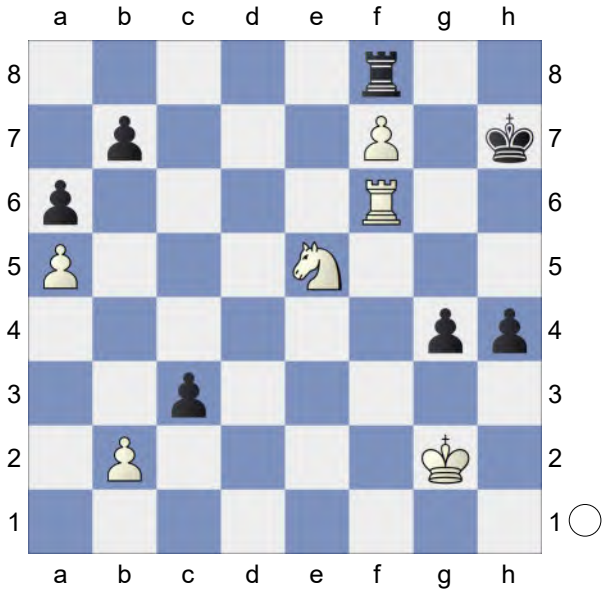


46.Nxg4 g5 47.Ne5 c5 48.f7 g4 49.Kg2 Zugzwang 2. **49...c4 50.Rf6 c3**



51.bxc3 h3+ 52.Kg3 White mates. Zugzwang 3. Now Black is utterly lost. **52...h2 53.Kxh2**

[53.Kxg4? perishes. h1Q *(53...h1R? is the wrong capture. 54.Kf5+-)* 54.Kg5 Qg2+ 55.Kf5 Qh3+ 56.Ke4 Qxc3-+]

53...Kg7 54.Rg6+ Kh8 55.Kg3 Kh7

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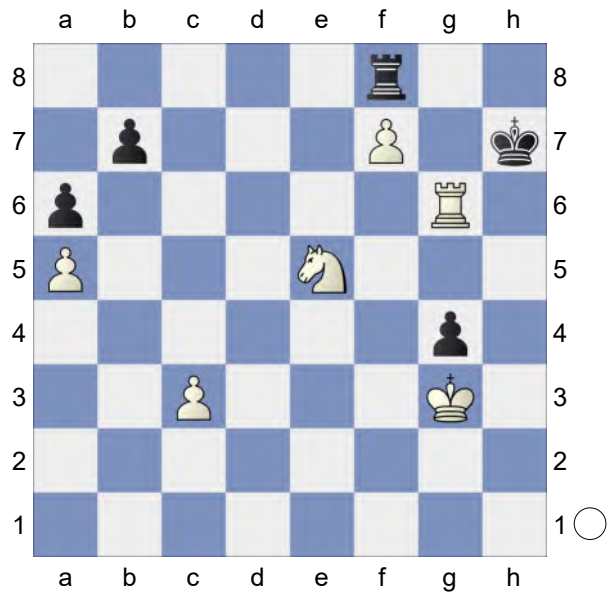
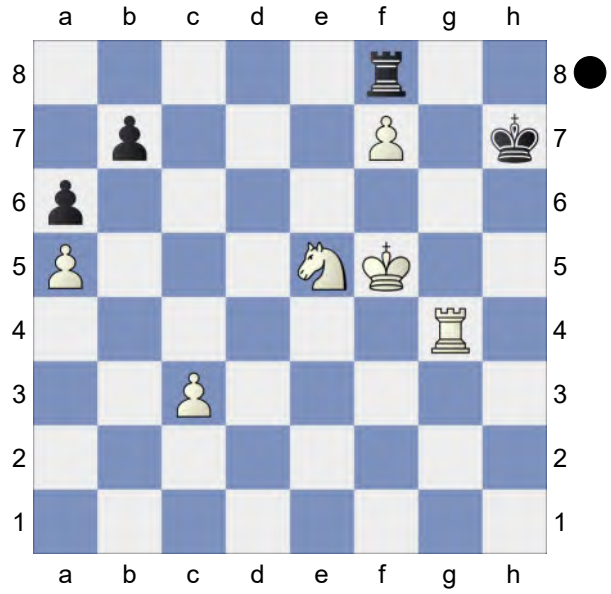


56.Rxg4 Kh8 57.Kf4 Kh7 58.Kf5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.29 (precise) and in this completely hopeless position my opponent resigned. One of the most beautiful wins of my career, because till now I can't find out where Black went wrong!

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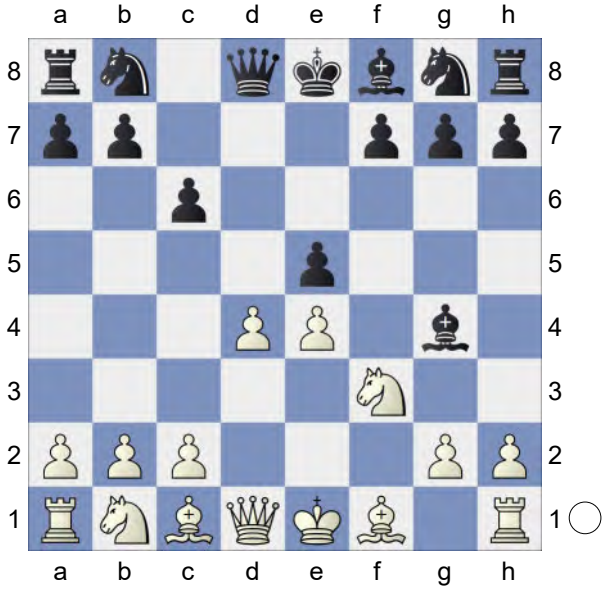
139 **B12**
□ **Peregudov,Nikolay** **2470**
■ **Savon,Vladimir A** **2435**
GM St Petersburg GM (1) 01.01.1994
[Fred Reinfeld]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4



6.Bc4 Nd7 7.0-0 Black must now prevent Bxf7+!
[7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
7...Ngf6 8.c3 next Qb3 is good for White. **8...Bd6 9.Qb3** -0.41/18
[9.Bg5= 0.02/15]
9...0-0∓ 10.Qxb7 exd4
[10...Nxe4?! 11.Nbd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2=]
[10...Rb8 simplifies 11.Qa6 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Qc7]

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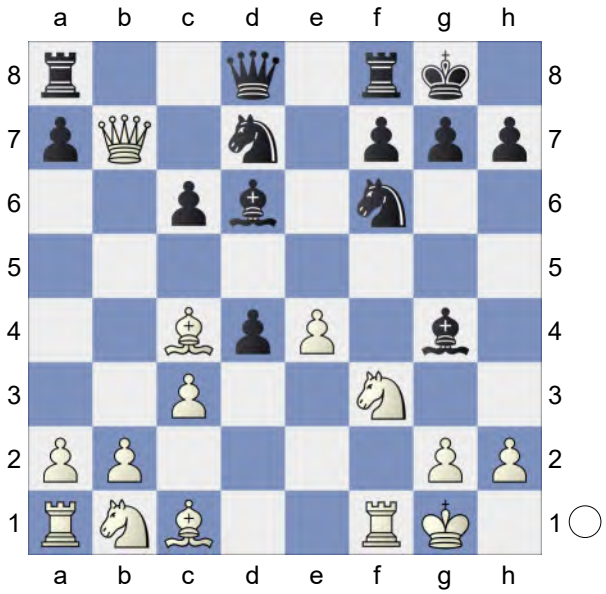
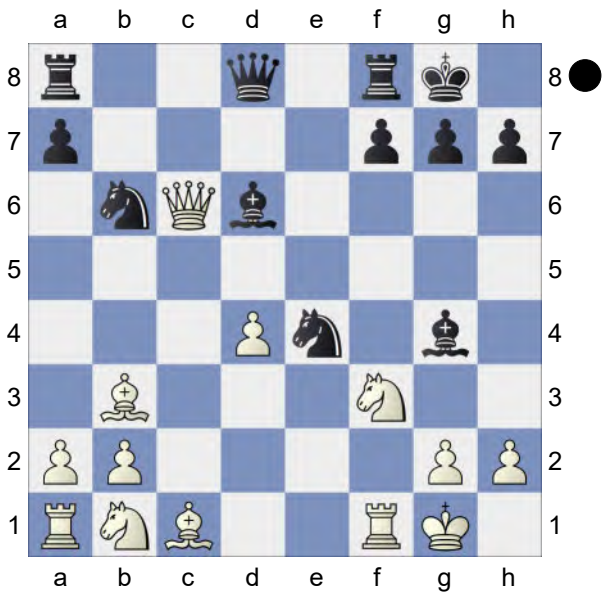


11.cxd4 Nb6 0.24/20
[Better is 11...Bxf3∓ -0.36/19 12.gxf3 Rb8 13.Qxa7 *(13.Qxc6? Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2 Rb6-+)* 13...Nb6]
12.Bb3!= aiming for e5.
[12.Bd3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 *(13.Rxf3? Ng4-+)* 13...Bb4∓]
12...Nxe4 Threatens to win with ...Bxf3.
13.Qxc6? -2.78/20
[13.Nbd2= -0.18/20 Nxd2 14.Bxd2 Bxf3 15.Rxf3]



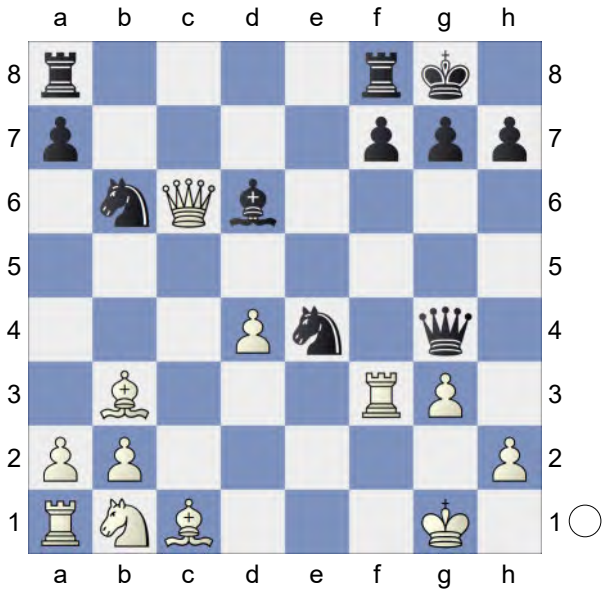
13...Bxf3!-+ 14.Rxf3 -3.70/21

[14.gxf3 -2.58/22 only move. Bxh2+ Discovered Attack *(14...Qh4 15.Qc2∓)* 15.Kg2 *(15.Kxh2? is the wrong capture. Qh4+ 16.Kg2 Qg3+ 17.Kh1 Qh3+ 18.Kg1 Ng3-+)*]

14...Qh4? -0.55/20

[14...Rc8-+ -3.70/21 15.Qxe4 Rxc1+ 16.Kf2 Bxh2]

15.g3∓ Qg4↑



Black has some pressure. Some like it hot **16.Rf4** -2.42/21 **Bxf4-+** Pin

17.Qxe4? -4.90/26

[17.Bxf4 -2.77/25 was the only defense. Qe2 18.Na3]

17...Rae8 18.Bxf7+? -6.15/24

[18.Qxf4 -3.80/24 Re1+ 19.Kg2 Qe2+ Skewer 20.Qf2 *(20.Kh3? Qh5+ 21.Qh4 Qf5+ 22.Qg4 Qf1+ 23.Kh4 Rxc1-+)* 20...Qxf2+ *(20...Qe4+ 21.Kh3-+)* 21.Kxf2 Rxc1 22.d5]

18...Kh8 19.Bxe8

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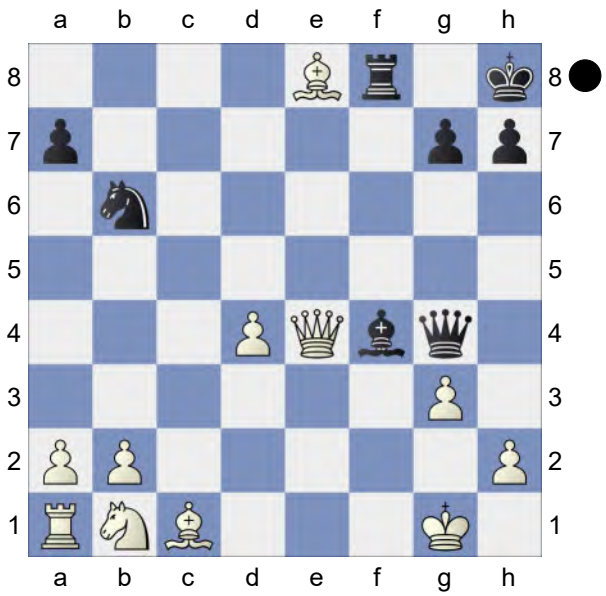
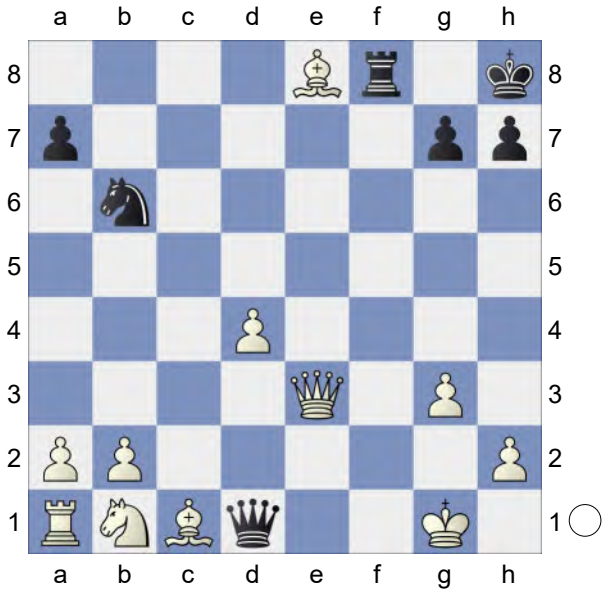


Be3+ Black mates. **20.Qxe3N Qd1+**



21.Kg2 Qf1#

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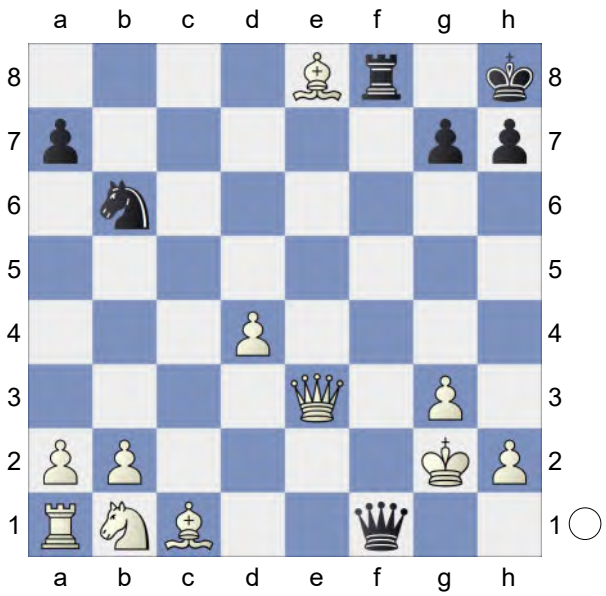

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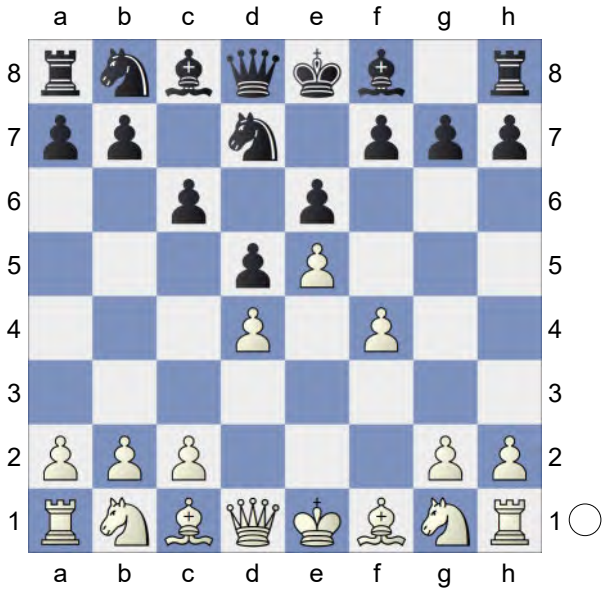
140 **B07**
□ **Smith,Bryan G** **2444**
■ **Pupols,Viktors** **2240**
US Masters op (3) 14.03.2007
[Kitty Kat]

B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 e6



6.Nf3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Na3N
[8.Be2 Qb6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Kh1 0-0 11.Na3 Caro Kann Fantasy Rare-Rare 3rds: 3...Nf6 #1]
8...cxd4 9.cxd4 White has an edge.
9...Nb6 10.Nc2 Bd7

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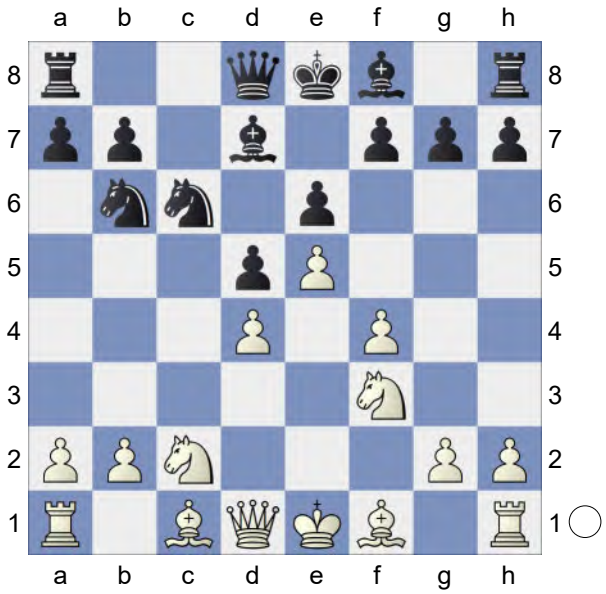
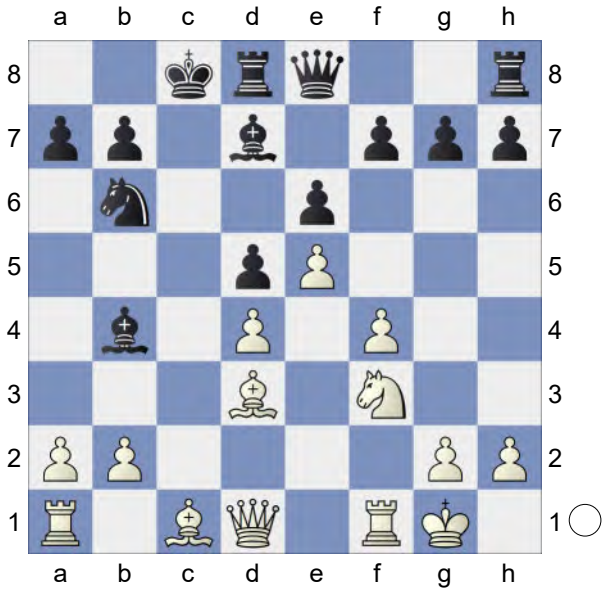


11.Bd3 Nb4 12.Nxb4 Bxb4+ 13.Bd2 Qe7 14.0-0 0-0-0 15.Bc1 a3 would now be deadly. **15...Qe8**



16.a3 Be7

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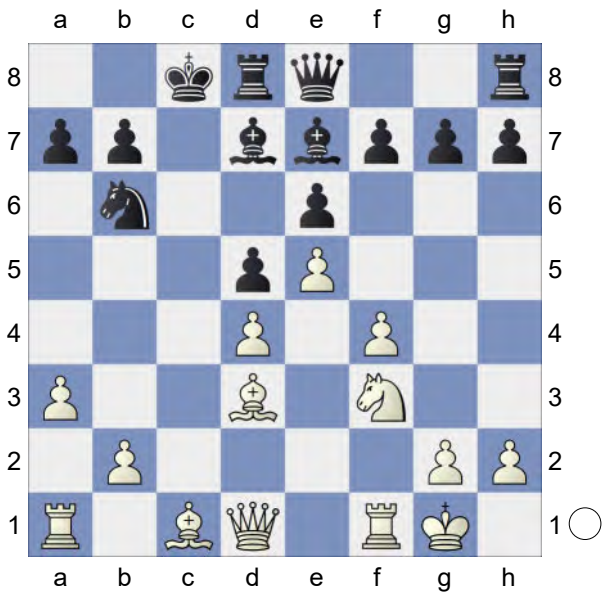
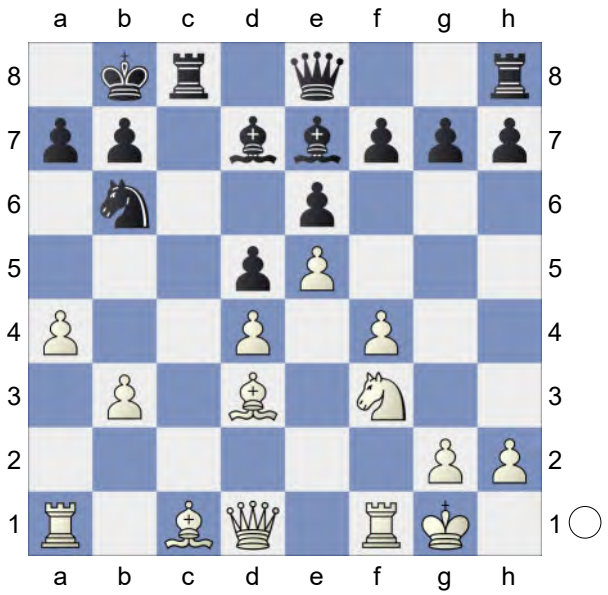


17.a4! White is more active. **17...Kb8 18.b3 Rc8**



19.f5 0.33/19 **exf5± 20.e6 Bxe6**
[Reject 20...fxe6?! 21.Bf4+ Rc7 *(21...Ka8? 22.a5±)* 22.Bxc7+ Kxc7 23.Qc1+ Kb8 24.Qf4+ Ka8 25.a5±]

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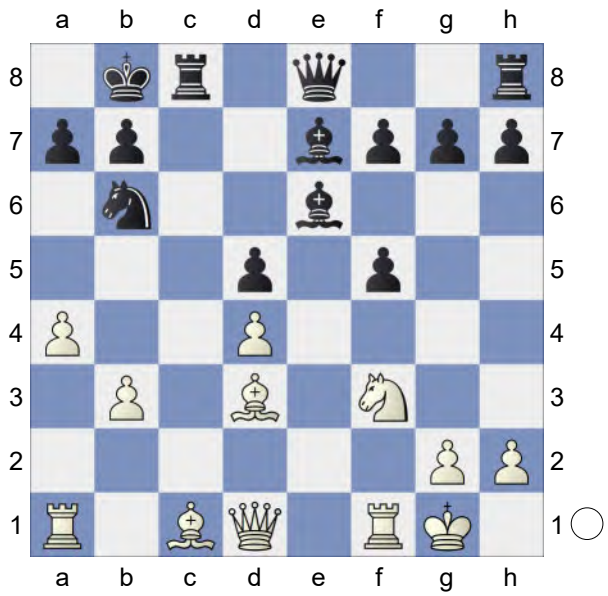
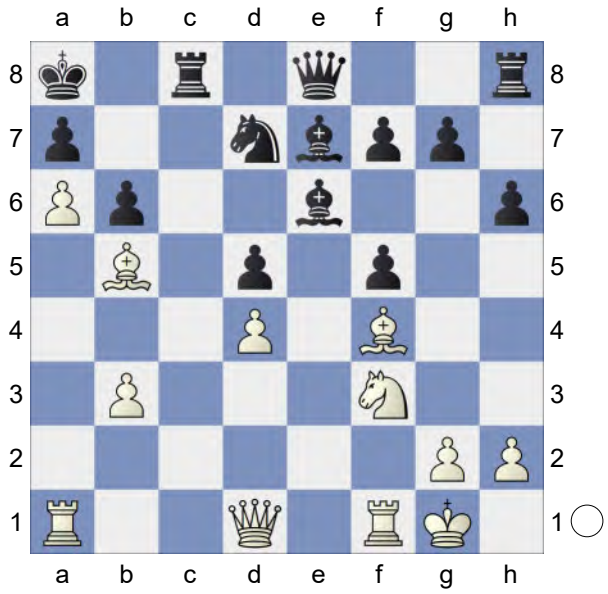
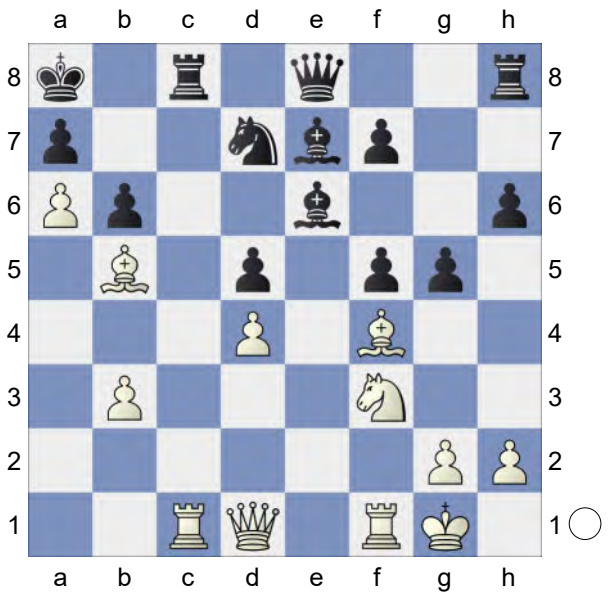


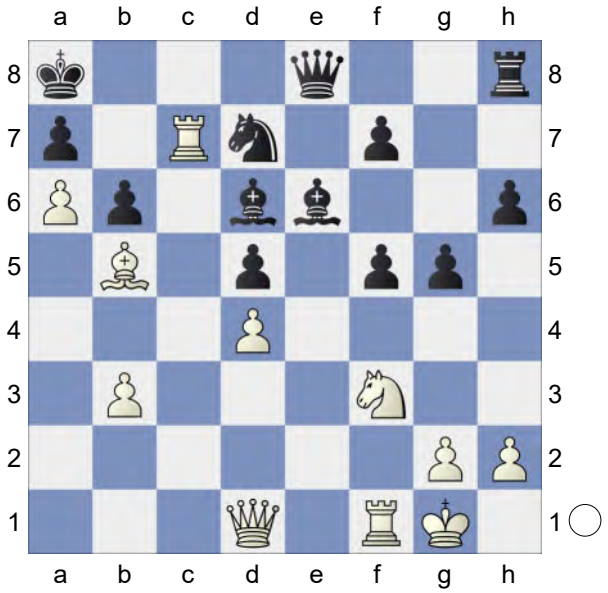
21.Bf4+ Ka8 22.a5 White has compensation. **22...Nd7 23.a6** Threatening mate with axb7+. **23...b6 24.Bb5** Black must now prevent Rc1. **24...h6** 1.79/23
[24...Qd8± 0.50/22]



Loses the game. **25.Rc1!→** Black is in trouble. **25...g5?** 7.43/24
[25...Qd8 1.71/22 26.Rxc8+ *(26.Bc6+ Rxc6 27.Rxc6 Nb8+-)* 26...Qxc8]



26.Bc7 White is clearly winning.
26...Rxc7 27.Rxc7 Bd6



28.Qc2!

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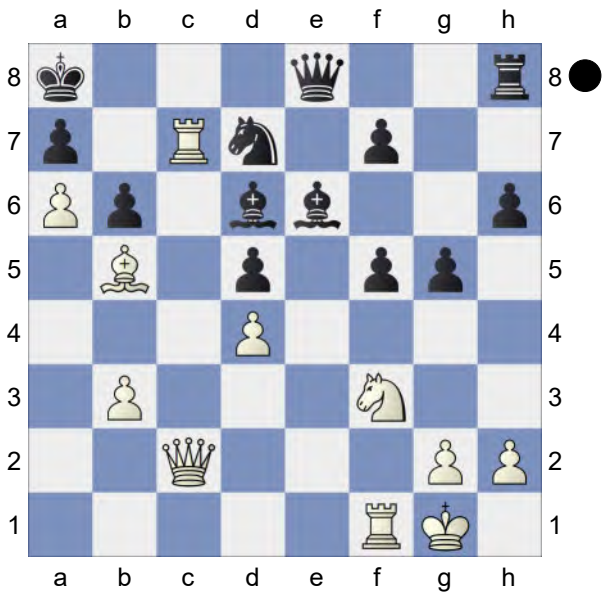

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141 **B12**
□ **Martin,Andrew D** **2420**
■ **McNab,Colin Anderson** **2480**
Walsall op (7) 1992
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e5 4.dxe5 Bc5 5.Ne2N
[5.Nc3
A) 5...Qb6 6.Na4 Qa5+ *(6...Bf2+ 7.Ke2 Qd4 8.Qxd4 Bxd4 9.f4 dxe4 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.Kxe3 f5 12.Ne2* V.A) Caro-Kann: Fantasy Varia-3...e5 #3*)* 7.c3 Bxg1 8.Rxg1 dxe4 9.f4 Nd7 10.b4 Qc7 11.c4 a5 12.b5 cxb5 13.cxb5 Nb6 14.Be3 Nxa4 15.Qxa4 Qc3+ 16.Kf2 Nh6 17.Be2 Ng4+ Volokitin,A 88/144 Enghien les Bains 2003;
B) 5...Ne7 6.f4 Qb6 7.Nf3 Bf2+ 8.Ke2 a5 9.Qd3 Na6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.Qxe3 Nc5 12.Rd1 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Qb5+ 14.Kf2 Nxe4+ 15.Qxe4 Qxb2 Fantasy Variation-3. f3 e5 4.dxe5 Bc5 5.Nc3 Ne7]
[5.Bd3 Qb6 6.Ne2 Nd7 7.f4 dxe4 8.Bxe4 Nh6 B 12/07 2001]
5...Nd7

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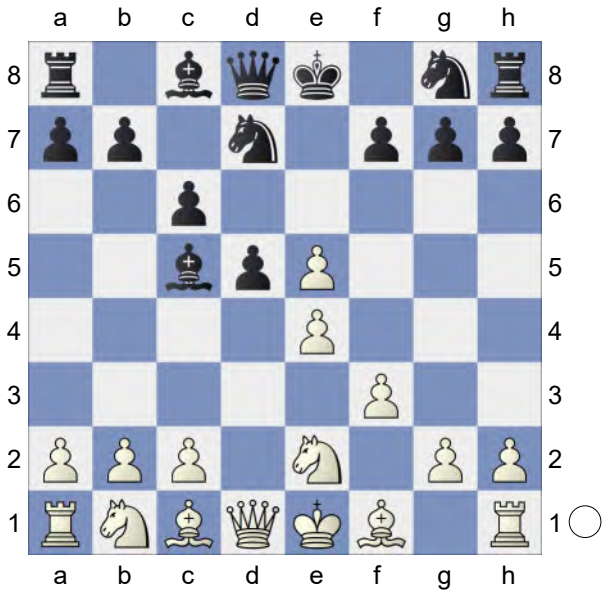
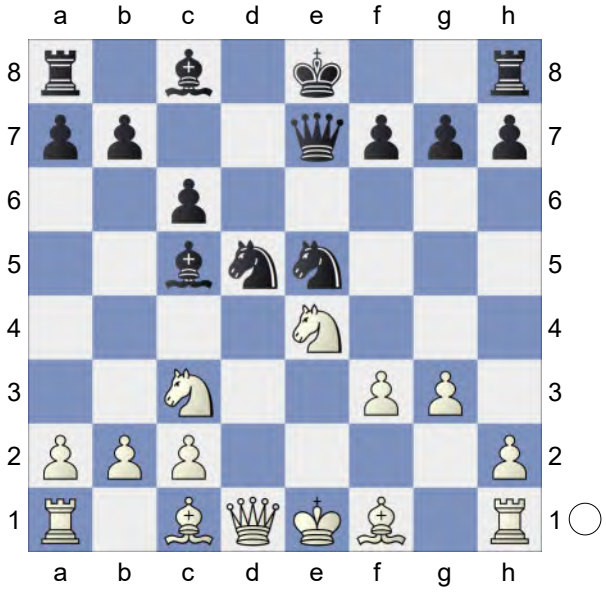


6.Nec3 Nxe5 7.exd5 Qh4+! 8.g3 Black has an edge. **8...Qe7 9.Ne4 Nf6 10.Nbc3 Nxd5**
[10...Nxe4? 11.Nxe4 Bf5 12.Bg2∓]



11.Nxd5 Nxf3+ Discovered Attack **12.Qxf3 cxd5** Pin **13.Bb5+ Kf8 14.Bd3 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Bh3**

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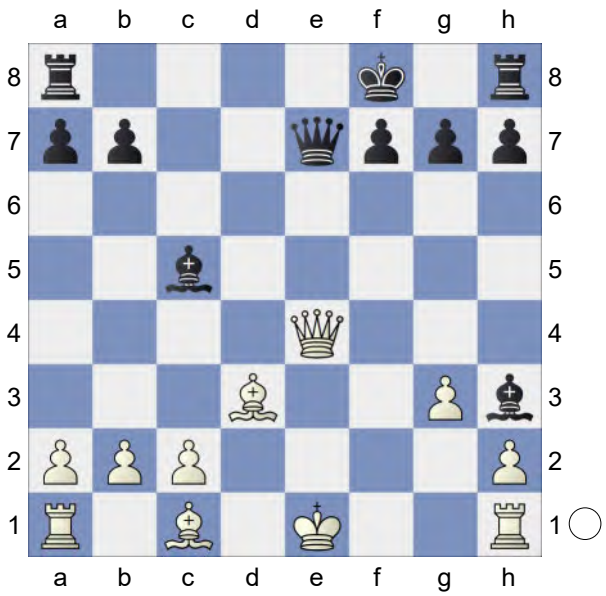
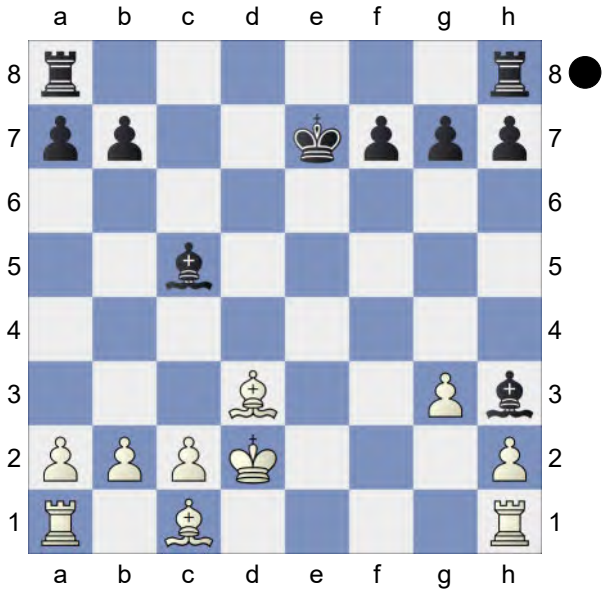


16.Qxe7+ Kxe7 17.Kd2



Rhd8! 18.Re1+ -1.12/18 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[18.a4∓ -0.57/17]
18...Kf8∓ 19.a3 Repels Bb4+ **19...Rac8 20.Re5 h6**

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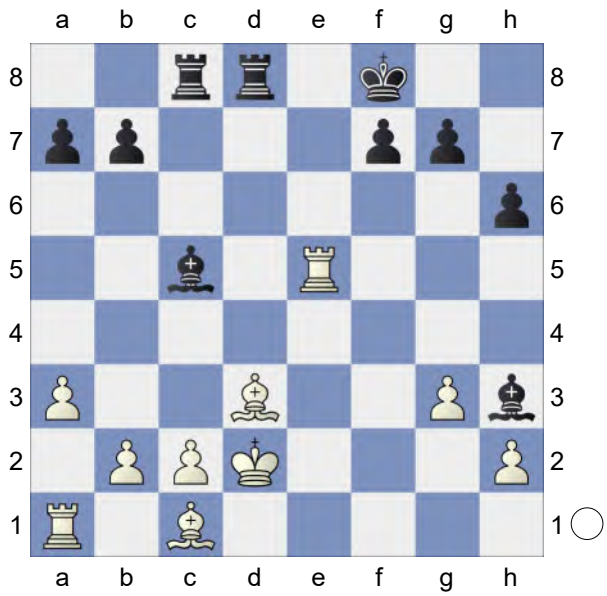
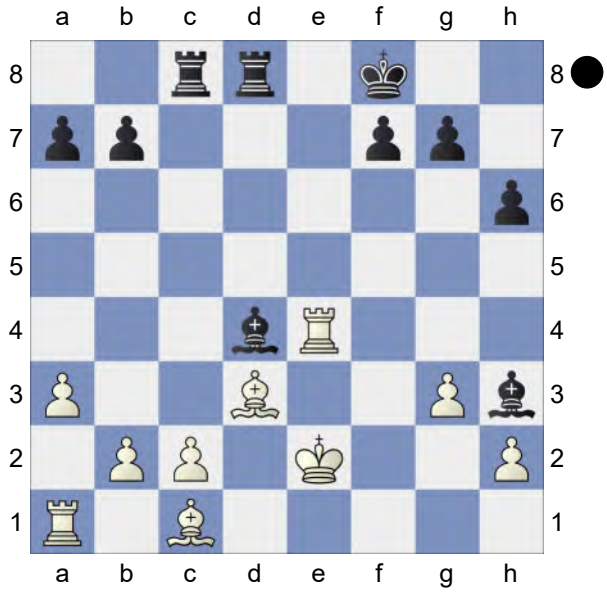


21.Ke2 -2.28/22
[21.Re4∓ -1.31/20 was worth a try.]
21...Bd4 22.Re4



Against Bg4+ **22...Bg2! 23.Rxd4 Rxd4 24.Be3 Rd6 25.Kf2 Bd5**

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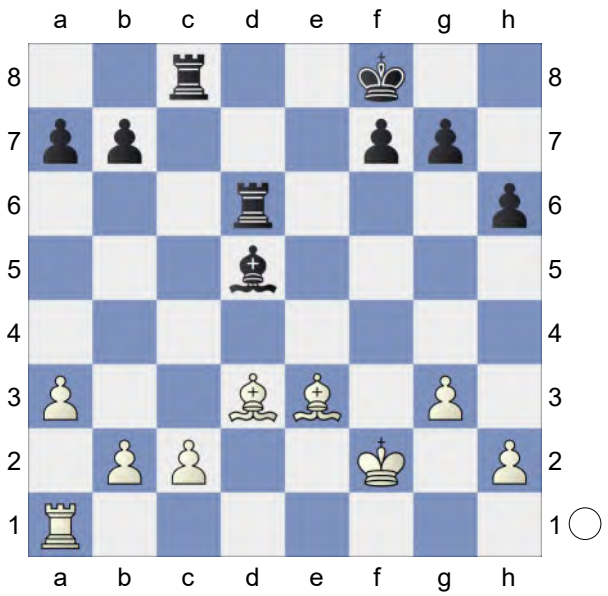
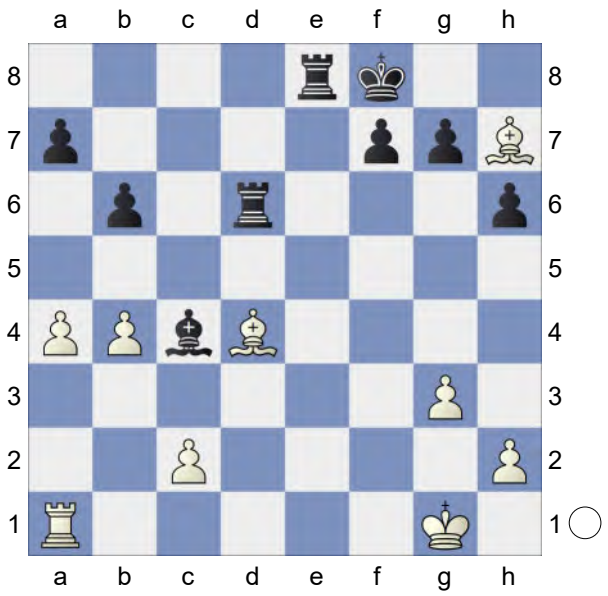


26.b4 -2.50/22
[26.c3 -1.78/20 is a better defense.]
26...b6-+ 27.a4 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 -2.54/22
[⌓28.Ke2 -1.68/23]
28...Bc4 Hoping for ...Bxd3. **29.Bh7** -4.29/23
[29.Bd4 -2.53/23 Rd6 30.Bf5]
29...Re8 30.Bd4 Rd6



31.c3 g6 aiming for ...Rde6. **32.Rd1 Rde6 33.h4 Re1+ 34.Rxe1 Rxe1+** Endgame. KRB-KB **35.Kf2 Re2+**

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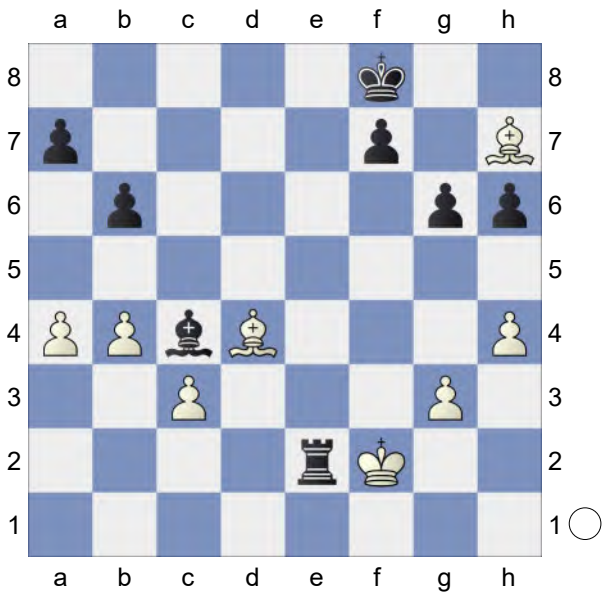
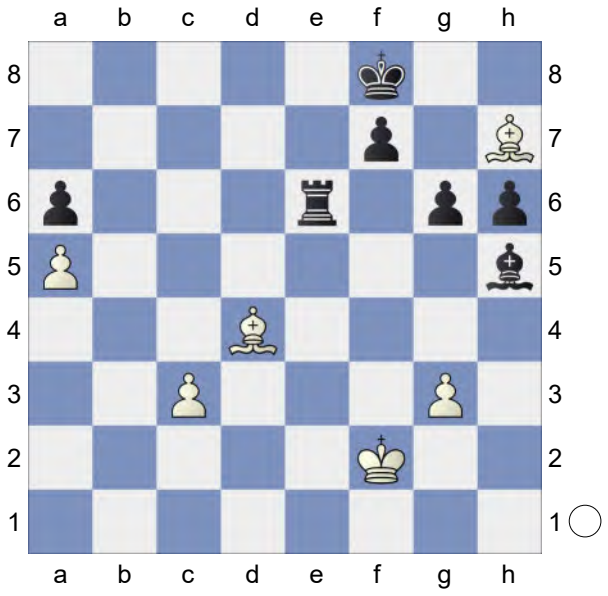


36.Kf3 Re6 Threatens to win with ...Bb3. Black is clearly winning. **37.h5** -7.89/23
[⌓37.Kf2 -4.24/22]
37...Be2+ 38.Kf2 Bxh5 39.a5 bxa5 40.bxa5 a6



41.c4 Re2+ 42.Kf1 Re4

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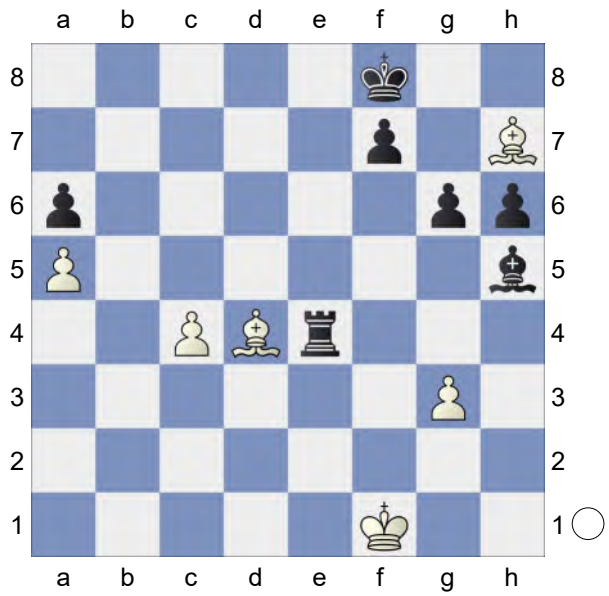

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.10 (very precise) . Loss on time!?

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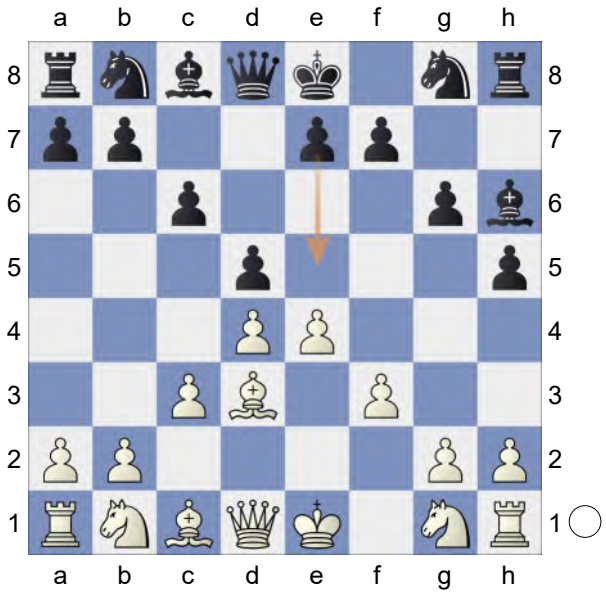
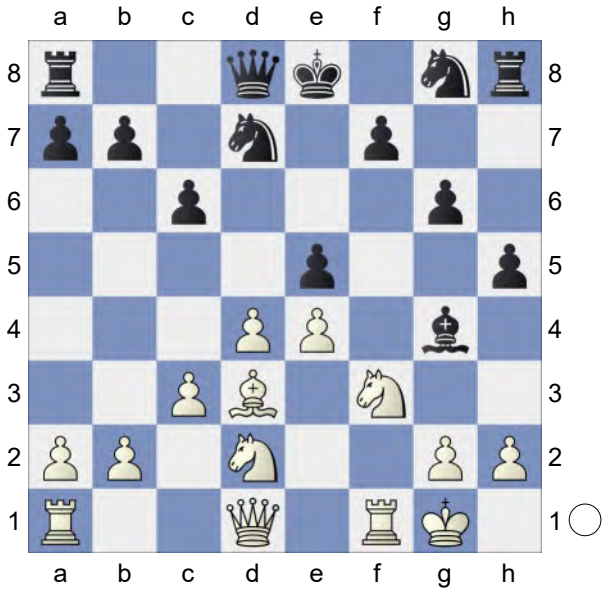
□ **Thorhallsson,Throstur** **2415**
■ **Polugaevsky,Lev** **2575**
Open Reykjavik ISL 1988
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.c3 h5N
[4...Bg7 5.Na3 *(5.Bf4 Qb6 6.Qb3 Be6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Nd2 Nd7 9.Bd3 0-0-0 10.Ne2 dxe4 11.fxe4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Bxe2 e5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Nc4 Kc7 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.0-0 f6 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxf6 Nxf6* 0-1 (32) Nevinnyi,V (2495)-6.. ♗f5 7. ♗d2 / 10. ♕e2_4 (2625) Madurai 154/ (88) 2022 (2)*; 5.Be3 e5 6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.Bd4 Qh4+ 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bxe5 Qxe5 10.Qd4* B 12/05-N,N_2001*)* 5...Nd7 *(5...e5 6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bf4 Bxf4 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Qxf4 Nge7 11.0-0-0* 3...g6-N,N_2486 2022 *)* 6.Be3 dxe4 7.fxe4 Ngf6 8.Qf3 0-0 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Nh3 b5 B 12/05-N,N_2001]
5.Bd3 Bh6



6.Bd2 0.08/17
[6.Ne2± 0.45/16]
6...dxe4 7.fxe4 e5 0.74/19
[7...Bg4± 0.37/17 is more appropriate. 8.Qb3 Qc7]
8.Nf3± White is better. **8...Bg4 9.0-0**
[9.Qb3 seems wilder. exd4 10.cxd4 Bxf3 11.Rf1]
9...Bxd2 1.24/20
[Black should try 9...Qe7± 0.64/19]
10.Nbxd2 Nd7



11.Nc4 And now Qb3 would win.
[11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Be2 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 *(14.Rxf3 Nh6=; 14.Bxf3 Qxd1 15.Bxd1 Nh6=)* 14...Qg5+ 15.Kh1 Rd8∓]
11...Qe7 2.40/19
[11...Qc7± 0.97/18 was necessary.]

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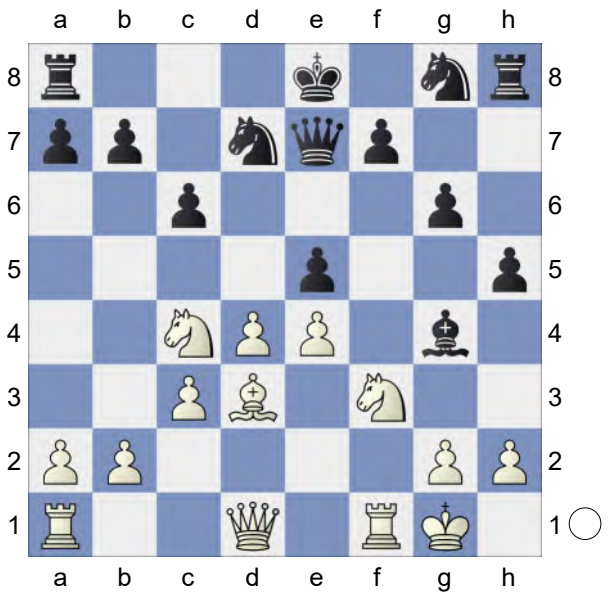
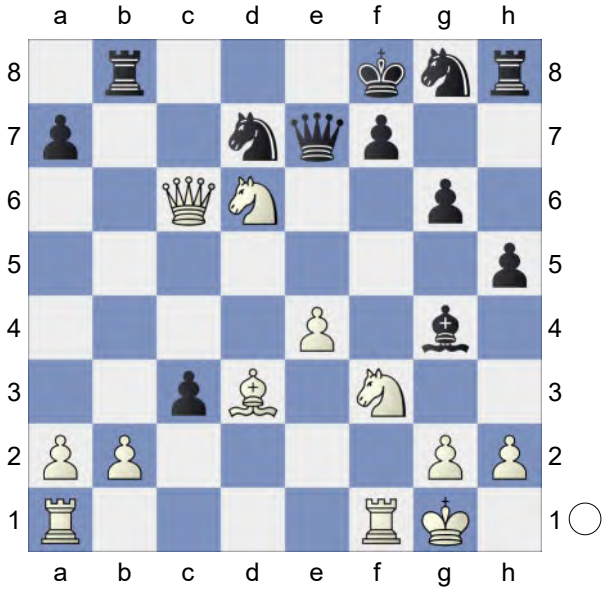
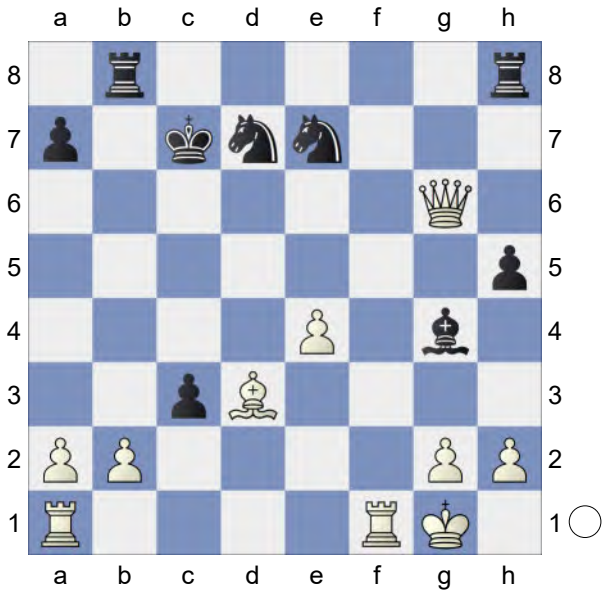


12.Qb3!+-
[12.dxe5 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nh6±]
12...exd4 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qxc6
[14.Qxa7?! Qc5 15.Qxc5 Nxc5+-]
14...dxc3 15.Nd6+
[15.bxc3 Nh6±]
15...Kf8



16.Nxf7! Discovered Attack, Decoy
[16.Qxc3 Qxd6 17.Qxh8 Bxf3∓ *(17...Qxd3 18.Rae1∓)*]
[16.bxc3 Bxf3 17.Qc7 *(17.gxf3? Ne5-+)* 17...Ra8 *(17...Rb6 18.Nc8±)* 18.Rxf3 *(18.gxf3? Ne5-+)* 18...Ne5 19.Qxe7+ Kxe7-+]
16...Kxf7 8.48/23
[16...cxb2 2.66/20 17.Rab1 *(17.Nxh8 bxa1Q 18.Rxa1 Kg7±)* 17...Kg7 18.Nxh8 Kxh8 19.Qc3+ *(19.Qxg6 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Rb6+-)* 19...Qf6]
17.Ne5+ Discovered Attack (Double Check), Deflection, Double Attack. White is clearly winning.
[17.bxc3? Bxf3 18.gxf3 Ne5 19.Qd5+ Kg7-+]
[17.Qxc3 Qc5+ 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Ne5+ Ke6∓]
17...Ke8 18.Qxg6+
[Not 18.Nxg6 Qg7 19.Rf8+ *(19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 Rh6∓; 19.bxc3? Rh6-+)* 19...Qxf8 20.Nxf8 *(20.Nxh8? Qc5+ 21.Qxc5 Nxc5-+)* 20...Ne7 21.Qxc3 Rxf8±]
18...Kd8 19.Nc6+ Deflection, Double Attack
[19.Nxg4? too greedy. hxg4 20.Qxg4 Rxb2-+ *(20...cxb2? 21.Rad1-+)*]
19...Kc7 20.Nxe7 Nxe7



21.Qa6

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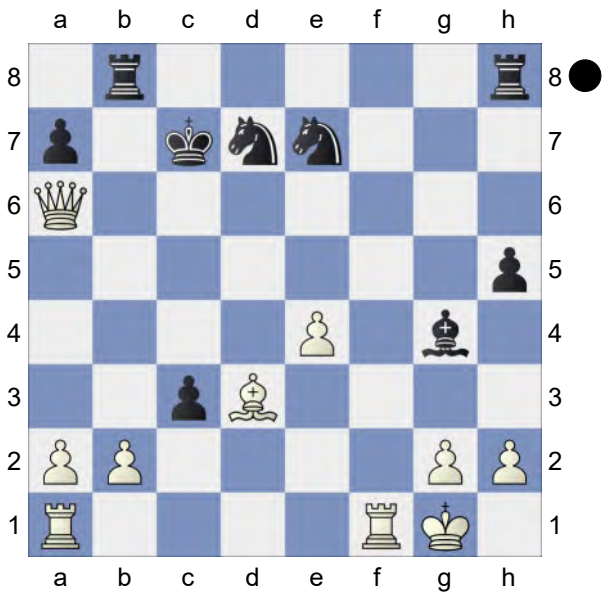

Black got outplayed after the opening.
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